Principal's Report

It is a busy time of the year for our students with Years 11 & 12 doing exams this week and Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 engaged in exams and class tests next week. We also have Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students involved in NAPLAN this week. Please encourage your children to be prepared for these activities. It is important that they are well rested and are as relaxed as possible so that they can perform to their best.

Entering School Grounds

If parents need to see their children during the day it is important that you sign in at the front office and ask permission so that other student’s learning is not being disrupted. It is important that the school is aware of who is on the premises at any time so that we keep everybody safe. Please sign out again when you are leaving.

Medication

If your child requires medication during the day, please contact the front office.

Many of our students and staff have been engaged in a wide variety of exciting academic, sporting and cultural activities. It is great to see Coolamon Central School represented and performing so well across the region. Well done to staff and students.

John Beer
Principal

Feature Photo: Year 7 boys warming up before the Zone Cross Country.

Above: The Zone Cross Country Team that competed at Ardlethan last Friday.
Primary Debating

On Thursday, 30 April 2015, Lucy Dalgarno Fixter, Hannah Walker, Brian Hare and Peter McCallum, the Primary Debating team, travelled to Kooringal Public School to participate in a debating workshop. The team learnt about rebuttals, arguments, definitions and roles, as well as taking part in some fun debating activities. There was a lot to learn and the day certainly helped in preparing the team for their forthcoming debates against Leeton and Parkview Public Schools later this term. Well done, debaters, and a massive thank you to Mrs Val Fixter who drove the students on the day.

Mrs White

Mathematics Faculty Snapshot

Students have been working hard in Mathematics this term, learning important problem solving skills in class that are applied in everyday life. Miss Fairall is excited to see the progress that her 7/8B and 9/10B classes are making as they prepare for their Semester One exams in Week 5. They have been practising reflectiveness skills, creating their Learning Logs as they revise. Mr Manuel’s 8A and 9A classes are working well and he is proud of their progress this semester. 10A Maths has just finished a topic on Surds and Indices and Miss Beck was impressed with their use of reasoning skills and their collaboration in class to work through a challenging topic. 10A Maths are excited to organise a secondary lunchtime Mathletics competition later in the term. 7A Maths love using Mathletics and can be seen in these pictures enjoying a lesson in the library. The Maths faculty wishes all of our senior students the best of luck in their exams this week. They have shown a huge amount of dedication in their preparation and we look forward to seeing this hard work pay off!

School Biz

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Primary school

Is Your Child Making Friends at School?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering Spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

High school

Year 10 Subject Selection
In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection

Choosing a Mobile Phone
What should you consider when choosing a mobile phone for your child? Here are some ideas to help you through the process: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/technology/using-technology/choosing-a-mobile-phone

Above: Sapphire have been mastering their hockey skills during PE.
Paul Kelly Cup

Last Thursday, 7 May 2015 a team of Primary boys travelled to Wagga to compete in the Paul Kelly Cup.

The first game saw our boys front up against the much larger boys from Forest Hill. However, our boys had it all over them in speed, agility and skills winning 26 to 1. It must have been that quick demonstration from Mark on how to take a specky. As well as the perfect placement of the players by Seb Graham and Heath Walker. Along with the expert advice from our parents on the sideline.

The second game against The Rock saw our boys with a touch of magic. Every time the ball connected with either their hands or feet it resulted in a scoring opportunity. With nearly all 12 players either scoring a goal or point and some even multiple goals to give us a full time score of 62 to nil. I was impressed with Ben Cartwright who volunteered to play for The Rock when one of their players were injured. This demonstrated great sportsmanship and pure love of playing the best football code. I was also impressed with Beau’s ability to convert from League to AFL. (I just need to convince your Dad to sign you up now).

I felt privileged to be part of Coolamon Central School, as we were the only school who had secondary students coaching them. It was also a pleasure to have two Marrar students join the team. Sonny and Jack were very handy players. The boy’s communication skills were effective both on and off the field. Heath and Seb, our Secondary students, were assets in terms of their communication skills, patience and field placement. As well as negotiation skills in rotating players through the 12 positions. I’m sure after this experience there will be a job at NATIO waiting for these boys.

Miss Looby

PSSA Netball

This year I have been privileged to manage and coach the Coolamon/ Ardlethan Zone District Netball Team. On Friday, 24 April 2015, 10 girls and I from our district travelled to Griffith for the girls to compete both as a team and individually. The girls competed in Griffith in a hope to be selected to compete again at the next level trails, for the Riverina team to be held in Wagga Wagga on 22 May. Two of our very own girls Hannah Marshall and Hannah Walker competed in our Zone team against some very strong district teams. While they were not chosen to participate at the next level they played with great sportsmanship and should be very proud of themselves. Three girls from our district made it to the next level trials; Paige Kenny from Barellan, Abbey Hamblin from Ganmain and Mae Lucas from Ardlethan. On behalf of Coolamon Central School I am very proud of these girls and wish them all the best in Wagga Wagga.

Annette Taylor

Facebook

The Coolamon Central School Facebook page is up and running. This is a great positive way to showcase the fantastic activities that we undertake at here at school. We ask that parents and students ensure that our page is a welcoming and positive advertisement for our school. Any negative use against our school values will be deleted.
Term 2

Week 4 (A)
Mon 11 May  Stage 6 Exams all week
Tue 12 May  NAPLAN TESTING
Wed 13 May  NAPLAN TESTING
Fri 15 May  Primary Assembly 2.10pm featuring Emerald in Diamond and Topaz Classrooms

Week 5 (B)
Mon 18 May  Assessment Week - Stage 4/5
Tue 19 May  ICAS Computer Test
Fri 22 May  Central School Touch Carnival in Boorowa
Sat 23 May  P&C Mad Hatters High Tea Party and Fashion Parade 2pm in school hall

Week 6 (A)
Tue 26 May  Vaccinations for Year 7 boys and girls
Wed 27 May  Under 16’s Netball and Rugby 7’s carnival in Leeton
Thu 28 May  Open Netball carnival in Leeton
Fri 29 May  Year 7 Transition Day

Week 7 (B)
Fri 5 June  Zone Athletics Carnival Coolamon

Week 8 (A)
Wed 10 June  P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Library

Coolamon Library News

The library will be celebrating National Volunteer’s Week from this Tuesday 12th – Friday 16th May. All individuals currently volunteering their services are invited to enjoy a complimentary morning tea between 10.00am and 12.00pm at the library. In recognition of the wonderful contribution our volunteers make in our community.

Our next Storytime session will be Friday, 22nd May @ 10.30am theme “Giddy up” – everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The library has a variety of NSW Premiers Reading Challenge books available for students to borrow for those participating. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, phone the library for further details.

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

Community Notices

- **Pet Guinea Pig Show.** Sunday, 24 May 2015. 10.00am start. 1st Wagga Wagga Scout Hall, Glenfield Park. Free Hall Admission. Bring your pet guinea pig to compete for ribbons and prizes. 6 fun events to enter. $2 per entry. Phone Steph 0434 088 895.