Prestigious Nomination for a Past Student

Congratulations to past Coolamon Central School student, Alice Brennan, who has been nominated for two Emmy Awards for her contribution to a Fusion Network documentary. Alice and her colleagues have been nominated in the Annual News and Documentary Section. We’ll all have our fingers crossed for Alice when the awards are announced later this year.

CWA Country of Study

The Country Women’s Association invited Stage 3 students from Coolamon Central School and St Michaels to participate in the annual Country of Study competition. Each year the CWA selects a country of study and the students are encouraged to research and create posters or booklets to find out more information about another culture. This year the country of focus was Italy. On Friday, the students were invited to the CWA rooms to participate in an interactive overview of Italy. Students were also able to view all entrants posters and booklets, whilst enjoying an afternoon with the members of the CWA.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition.

International Poster:
1st place – Lucy Dalgarno Fixter
2nd place – Hannah Walker
3rd place – Scarlett Higgins-Schulz

International Book:
1st place – Hannah Marshall
2nd place – Brooklyn Richens
3rd Place – Bethany Crocker

Thank you to the CWA for hosting the event and their kind donation towards purchasing books for our library.

Miss Cooper
Coolamon Connects to Local Culture
NAIDOC events

We welcomed Shane and Talea from National Parks and Wildlife Aboriginal Cultural Discovery and Aunty Gail Clark last week as part of our NAIDOC events. I would like to express how impressed I was with the enthusiasm in learning about the local culture and the terrific questions that were asked throughout the day.

NAIDOC, which stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, originally sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. In schools, we have extended this to provide a week where we invite our local Aboriginal community to educate our children about the Aboriginal cultural that is specific to our area. The theme for 2015 NAIDOC week is ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’, which highlights the spiritual and cultural connection to the land of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It honors those working on country, preserving the land and waterways and sharing the many stories of significant and sacred places in Australia.

Aunty Gail Clark brought her love of learning to our classrooms where she talked about the weapons and tools that the Aboriginal people used. She is always captivated by the questions children ask, but last week in particular she was very impressed by Miss Looby’s Sapphire class and their enquiring questions.

Shane Herrington and Talea Bulger from National Parks and Wildlife Cultural Discovery were able to keep 70 students engaged in learning about the Yidaki, making stringy bark rope, sharpening rocks, making fire, throwing boomerangs and face painting.

Thank you to the teachers for organising these visitors to our school and to the multicultural committee for securing a grant that made this year’s event free. I would like to extend this opportunity to invite parents or community members who would be willing to come along and talk about their own cultural heritage. Contact Josh Celi from the Multicultural Committee if are interested.

Michelle Elliott on behalf of the Multicultural Committee
**Hot Shots Tennis**

Please note that due to such a busy day on Friday, 31st July, the Week 3 session of Hot Shots Tennis has been postponed to Week 6.

**P&C Battery Drive**

Start compiling those old vehicle batteries as P&C are once again coordinating their battery drive.

Ask your neighbours, ask your friends. If you can't deliver them to the CCS Ag Plot in Douglas Street yourself please phone the school office and we will arrange a pick up time.

This is a great way that you can assist the school financially and clean up your yard at the same time.

**Education is Central**

**Public Education Week**

Great learning can come from asking questions that keep extending our knowledge of the world around us. We want the parents and school community to come along and get involved in this learning. Here is our event list this week. (a note was sent home last week with details)

- Check out our Learning displays in the Wagga Wagga Market Place
- The choir sings in the Market Place from 12.00-12.10 Thursday
- Facebook updates daily.
- Numeracy in action on Friday
- The Australian of the Year recipient visit to the school to meet the students at 11:15am in the Hall.

**Open Classrooms**

To Celebrate Education Week, the Primary classes will be opening their classrooms between 10.00am - 11.00am on Friday, 31 July. During this time, the classes will be working with their stage group to participate in small group Maths activities. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come and join in the activities.

Parents are welcome to stay during recess and share a picnic morning tea with their children.

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**Coolamon Central School's Hospitality Students**

Coolamon Central School’s Year Eleven Hospitality students have embraced the opportunity to undertake the VET Certificate course in Hospitality.

Their practical skills in food preparation, acquired knowledge of environmental hygiene, workflow, catering and service has been tested this year with the students’ participation in both school and community events. These events have included interschool debating and most recently Opening Night of the annual Up2Date Art Exhibition.

Below: Shayna Healey, Sarah Saye and Eloise Tulk.

Additional students in the Up2Date Opening Night art exhibition included Brittney Jacht and Emmalie Sanders.

Additionally, the students are catering for staff on occasions. Funds raised from sales of meals contribute to future opportunities for members of the Hospitality Industry to visit these students and workshop with them in Coolamon Central School's equipped kitchen.

Term three will provide further catering and service opportunities with the school hosting a SRC event, school fete and also an auspicious occasion on Friday July 31st being the “NSW Australian of the Year Tour of Honour 2015”.

In closing, the Hospitality students have demonstrated consistent interest, enthusiasm and their participation has been acknowledged by members of the Coolamon community.

Hospitality Teacher
*Merrin Glasgow*

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*We demonstrate Reciprocity*
Term 3

Week 3 (B)
Mon 27 Jul  Backyard League Years 3-6
Tue 28 Jul  Peer Support Training for Years 5 & 10 students
Wed 29 Jul  Primary PSSA Carnival in Ardlethan
Thur 30 Jul  BOSTES to talk to Year 11 & 12 students Period 5
Fri 31 Jul  K-6 Hot Shots Tennis postponed to Week 6

Secondary Snow Trip
Primary Classes combine to complete Maths activities 1.00am - 11.10am

Week 4 (A)
Mon 3 Aug  Backyard League Years 3-6
Tue 4 Aug  Primary Dance performance ‘Abil’ from 2.10pm
Wed 5 Aug  Trent Barrett Shield in Temora - Primary
Thur 6 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
Fri 7 Aug  K-6 Hot Shots Tennis

Trial HSC Exams in Hall
Jeans for Genes Day K-12
Primary Assembly featuring Garnet 2.10pm in Hall

Week 5 (B)
Mon 10 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
Tue 11 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
Elective Information Evening
Wed 12 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in School Library
Thur 13 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
Year 7 Transition Day
Fri 14 Aug  Trial HSC Exams in Hall
K-6 Hot Shots Tennis

Coolamon Library News

Our next Storytime session will be held this Friday, 31st July @ 10.30am theme - “Colour and Shapes” – we welcome new families to attend.

Local Government Week is being held from 3rd - 9th August, it promotes the importance of Local government in our community. The library will be offering “Storytime on the Road” and will be visiting several schools in our shire.

The library welcomes Year 12 HSC students to the library as a place to study, research and prepare for their upcoming exams. It’s a quiet and welcoming environment for our students.

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