Snow Trip

Last Friday the majority of Year 7s, other students and I travelled by bus to Selwyn Snowfields for the annual Year 7 snow trip. We left school at 6:00am and arrived safely to the snowfields around 9am.

After everyone received their gear we all attended lessons for various levels of skiing or snowboarding. I participated in the level one snowboarding lesson along with nine others and had so much fun learning how to stop, turn and control my pace down the slopes, it was a terrific experience and I learnt a lot. After our lessons we had free time to board/ski around the slopes with everyone, grab lunch and have fun!

It was such a beautiful, sunny day and everyone who came really enjoyed their time at Selwyn. On the way home there was definitely a lot of storytelling about the many stacks and laughs people had. It was easy to see many memories were made on the trip. For Abbey Irvin, Tristan O’Brien and I, it was our fifth and last year attending the snow trip; we have attended the snow trip every year since Year 7 and have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of every trip, it is such an amazing experience and has provided us with so many great memories and laughs that we will take with us when we leave school!

A big thanks to Mr Besgrove, Mrs Buchegger and Jeremiah for attending/supervising the trip. Also, a huge thankyou to Mr Rerden for organising and attending the snow and lastly a massive thankyou for all the students for attending. Without the students the day would not have been up and running. I highly encourage everyone to attend the snow trip as many times as they can, while at school, it’s a great opportunity to get out, have fun and learn new skills in a new environment.

Sarah Sloan.
Having a Blast in Science

The Science department have had an exciting year so far. A number of our senior students have competed in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz and are awaiting their results. Stage 4 students completed a unit on forces and got a shock learning about electric repulsion and force fields. Stage 5 have spent the last three weeks learning about the evolution of our human ancestors using a cleverly designed museum in a box thanks to the Museum of Australia.

We are currently looking forward to Science Week which is coming up in week 5. Students will learn about movement this year, focussing on planes and cars. We are holding a paper plane design contest at lunch on Wednesday and a magnetic car race at lunch on Friday which will involve the local pre-school and early learning centre.

Don’t forget that Science is all about discovery so it doesn’t stop when you leave the classroom. We have the chance to practise science anywhere in the world whenever we want, as long as we are questioning what’s going on around us.

Ben Rerden

Principal’s Report

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in a successful Education Week. The boards in the Wagga Market Place were very impressive. The Australia Day Tour Assembly was a great way to finish the week. The four speakers were fantastic as were our students and their questions. I am sure that everybody was inspired listening to the presenter’s stories and their answers to the student’s questions.

Parents will notice that we have attached new signs next to all of the school gates. For the safety of all students and staff the gates are locked between 8.55am and 3.00pm. Anyone wishing to enter the school between those times needs to come through the main gate and sign in at the Front Office. The Department of Education requires that all schools have policies and procedures for “Emergency Evacuations and Lockdowns”. We are also required to hold a practice of these procedures at least once a semester. Parents will be kept fully informed if ever there is a real Emergency Procedure.

Coolamon Central School supports the policy of “Say No to Bullying and Racism”. Miss Looby and Bruce Rollins are just finalising a new ‘buddy bench’ for Primary students. Students who are feeling lonely and have no one to play with will be encouraged to sit on this brightly coloured bench so that other students can come over and talk to them. Also Radio 2WG is running a ‘Buddy Bench’ competition on their website. I encourage parents to enter this competition on behalf of all the students at school as we could do with more than one bench.

John Beer
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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It's Woolworths Earn and Learn time again! Our school will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker collection again this year, where our school benefits by earning some wonderful resources. We would really appreciate it if you would place your completed sticker sheets, either in the purple sticker collection box located at the school front office, or in the sticker collection box labelled 'Coolamon Central School' in The Marketplace Wagga, starting from Wednesday 15th July this year. Thank you again for your continued support.

Vale Ros Kemmis-Brennan

The school was saddened to hear of the passing of Ros Kemmis Brennan last week. Ros was a champion of Public Education and a huge supporter of Coolamon Central School.

Whilst her children attended our school Ros was a tireless worker in her role as President of the P&C. For many years she was also the P&C State President. Many of the changes the school has undergone over the past few years were initiated and driven by Ros.

Ros had two children who attended Coolamon Central School from Kindergarten to Year 12. Tom and Alice. Both achieved outstanding results. Alice is still the schools highest TER student - her 99.93 TER was in the top one percent of the state. Recently she was part of an investigation group in Miami which was nominated for an Emmy.

Her younger son Elliott attended the school from K-6 and left the school when the family moved to Wagga.

Outstanding Primary Choir Performance

The Primary Choir are to be congratulated on their outstanding performance at the Market Place last Thursday, 30th July as part of the Regional Education Week Celebrations.

The Choir performed three contrasting pieces including the Torres Strait Islander song Inanay. This Old Hammer a traditional African American work song was the second song performed which featured the Choir singing in 2-part harmony. Cups was the final song performed which featured in the movie Pitch Perfect and which the Choir will perform later in the year at CHORDS, the regional Choral and Dance Spectacular.

The Choir are to be congratulated on demonstrating perseverance, demonstrated by the rigour involved in rehearsing through many lunchtimes, responsibility in learning their parts and in wearing their uniform, and reciprocity in the team work displayed.

Thank you to all of the parents, family and friends who came to support the Primary Choir on the day and to Ms Elliott for introducing the Choir on the day.


Sarah Hawthorn, Georgia Seary, Brent Rollins, Emma Crocker and Emmalie Sanders pictured with Corey Payne (2013 Young Australian of the Year and Youth Mentor).
Term 3

**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 - Mathematics
- Tue 11 Aug: Trial HSC Exams in Hall - English
- Wed 12 Aug: Trial HSC Exams in Hall - Business Studies and Chemistry
- Thur 13 Aug: Trial HSC Exams in Hall - PDHPE, Extension Maths
- Fri 14 Aug: Taste of TAFE day for Hair and Beauty, Aviation, Flight Attendant, Tourism, Digital Photography
  - Paper plane competition at lunchtime
  - P&C Meeting 7.30pm in School Library

**Week 6 (A)**
- Mon 17 Aug: Dubbo Touch Carnival over next three days
- Thur 20 Aug: Taste of TAFE day for Automotive and Plumbing
- Fri 21 Aug: Primary Assembly 2.00pm featuring Emerald
  - Matt Davenport presenting Drug and Alcohol Prevention sessions throughout the day to Secondary
  - Taste of TAFE day for Sport and Recreation

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**Coolamon/Ganmain Hospital Auxiliary**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday, 21 August 2015

7.00pm  Coolamon Sports Club

Bookings with Kathy Goss 69273447 or Maree Jennings 69273 074.