Coolamon Central School Newsletter
Week 4 (A)
February 2016

Principals Report

Congratulations to all of the students and staff that helped organise, participated in or attended our annual swimming carnival. It was great to see so many parents and friends also attend the carnival. A special thanks to Mr Besgrove and Ms Taylor for the outstanding job that they did in coordinating the whole event.

The staff, students and parents of the school are very sad that Mr Andy Manuel, our Maths Head Teacher, has resigned and is moving to the Blue Mountains for family reasons. Andy has been a valued teacher for many years and Head Teacher for the last two. The students, in particular, will miss both the teaching and personal guidance that Andy has provided. A Merit selection panel is now being formed for the vacant Head Teacher of Mathematics position.

The staff of Coolamon Central School are continually updating their skills and expertise through a variety of online and specialist presented training courses. From 3.30pm until 7.00pm on Tuesday March 1st and Tuesday March 29th the staff will be undertaking the following training:

- A Consistent Teacher Judgement Workshop which is designed to enhance teacher understanding of the assessment and reporting standards
- Anaphylaxis online and practical training for dealing with medical emergencies
- CPR practical training
- Using the NSW Literacy continuum K-10

This training is being completed in March so that it can be implemented throughout 2016. As a result, these Tuesday evenings will replace the second Staff Development Day on Tuesday December 20th.

John Beer

Breaky Central

We have just moved to the cleaner greener option of using paper cups rather than polystyrene. Although this will be a more expensive option we feel that the environmental benefits far outweigh the cost.
Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 11th February, Coolamon Central School held its Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival at the local swimming pool. The evening started with spirited chanting from both the Kindra and Cowabbie houses as the students made their way to the pool. It was perhaps the greatest ever collective chanting performance seen at Coolamon Central, as students and teachers from both primary and secondary combined to get in the spirit of the evening, as well as make very clear who they believed the best house was!!! Through all the waves and cheering, it was fantastic to see improved student attendance and participation across the whole school, as our students happily swam both competitively and non-competitively in order to receive house points for either Kindra or Cowabbie. Our students displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the evening, particularly during the relays, biscuit races and the Teacher/Year 12 relay, which was narrowly won by the Year 12 students (there was a hint of cheating, and the teachers will have their revenge come Athletics Day!!).

As the whitewash settled over our local 33m pool, Cowabbie were crowned the overall deserved winners of the carnival, with Kindra narrowing the point’s difference that has been significantly larger over the previous carnivals. A big thank you to;

- All the fantastic parents and community members who attended the carnival, your presence and support is one of the reasons our school is so great!
- Our teachers and staff members, thank you very much for your hard work, continued dedication and support for our school carnivals. They simply do not happen without you all!
- Our wonderful students. I know I speak on behalf of the sport contingent in our school when I say how very proud I am of your increased participation, attendance and effort towards the success of our sport carnivals.

A reminder - Our Cross Country and Athletics carnivals are fast approaching (On the 16th of March and 30th of March respectively), as well as the zone equivalents of these carnivals. Please contact myself, Annette Taylor or Nathan Brookes on the school phone if you have any further enquiries regarding these days. Notes and information for Zone carnivals will be provided to your child at school.

Bring on the next Carnivals!!!!

Yours in Sport
Thomas Besgrove
Community Meeting

On MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2016, there will be a Community Meeting held at the COOLAMON PRESCHOOL at 7.00pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to meet and speak with providers who are coming to offer their services LOCALLY to the people of COOLAMON and SURROUNDING areas.

Services include:
* Speech Pathology
* Occupational Therapy
* Physiotherapy
* Exercise Physiology

* Mental Health Services, including Mind Matters, Psychology, Counselling and we are currently working with NSW Health in an effort to bring some outreach programs to the local community.
  * Alternative Therapies
  * Podiatry

We have more providers looking to bring their services into the community, however are gauging local interest and need – so if you if you think there is a need for a particular service not listed above, then please come and see us on the night and we will endeavour to locate a provider to come and work locally.

This is a community meeting and EVERYONE is welcome. Please invite your friends and neighbours, as the support from the night helps benefit the community and assure that the services we need are provided to us locally.

THANK YOU

Coolamon Library News

Our Heart and Soul women’s gathering will start up again for another year. It will be held Tuesday, 23rd February @ 10.30am at the library. Bronwyn Hatty the Healthy Coolamon Shire project officer will be the guest speaker. She will be talking on the Healthy Town Challenger. Morning tea will be provided and everyone is most welcomed.

The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 26th February @ 10.30am, theme “Farms”. We welcome any new families to join us.

The Coolamon Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopier, fax and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, council school holiday programs and Local History services. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse – membership is FREE.

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

Coolamon Junior Hoppers Registration

Coolamon Hoppers Junior Registration day has been set down for 28th of February this year and will be held at the Coolamon Swimming Pool, from 11am to 1pm.

There will be a $1 sausage sizzle for lunch and we hope that the pool inflatable jumping castle will be available on the day.

Registration costs this year will be -

Auskick (9 and under)-- $90.00 per player incl GST
Junior Footy -- $120 per player incl GST (footy shorts provided)
Netball under 10’s -- $90.00 incl GST
Netball over 10’s -- $105.00 incl GST

We will follow up shortly with the online registration details for anyone wishing to do so, but we still require all parents to attend sign on day to fill out our club data sheet, nominate your choice for either canteen or BBQ duty, and receive such things as shorts, Auskick backpacks etc.

Phil Dryden
Diary

Term 1

Week 4 (B)
Wed 17 Feb  Primary District Swimming Carnival– Barellan
Thur 18 Feb  Year 7 Laurel Hill Excursion
Fri 19 Feb  Year 7 Laurel Hill Excursion

Week 5 (A)
Fri 26 Feb  Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival Ganmain

Week 6 (B)
Tue 1 Mar  White Card Training
Wed 2 Mar  White Card Training
Fri 4 Mar  Clean-Up Australia Day

Week 7 (A)
Mon 7 Mar  Work Placement for Hospitality all week
Wed 9 Mar  Blue Water Holes excursion - Year 8, returning Fri 11 March
Fri 11 Mar  Primary Assembly 2.10pm in School Hall featuring Emerald

Week 8 (B)
Tue 15 Mar  Questacon Smart Skills tour for Years 6, 7, 8
Wed 16 Mar  Whole School Photos
Fri 18 Mar  Whole School Cross Country and Pink Day

Week 9 (A)
Tue 22 Mar  Year 8 Blue Waterholes trip - returning Thur 24 March
Fri 25 Mar  Good Friday

Week 10 (B)
Mon 28 Mar  Easter Monday Holiday
Wed 30 Mar  Whole School Athletics Carnival

Community Announcements

- **Southern Sports Academy Softball Scholarship Program** for boys and girls turning 14, 15 or 16 in 2016. Trials French Field Wagga Wagga, Sunday 21st February 2016, 9.30am-12.00pm. Application form is essential to attend trials. Phone 6931 8111 or email cbreese@ssa-nsw.org.au

- **Fly it Forward - Women in Aviation.** Temora Flyers are holding a special aviation event intended to encourage more women to become involved in aviation. All day on Saturday 12 March at Temora airport, women can take the opportunity to go for a flight in a light aircraft with an experienced pilot (some of whom are women!) and experience the freedom and fun of flying. For more information email temoraflyers@gmail.com or call Emma Bowley on 0418 835 551.

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