

# Coleambally Central School

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Education & Communities

Week 7 Term 1

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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## Coming up at Coleambally Central School

### Week 7 Term 1

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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March    | P&C Meeting<br>Responsible Pet Program Primary                                |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March   | Year 7 Scripture  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March | WRCC Training<br>Beyond the Gold Post Rugby League<br>Program Secondary sport |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March |   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Primary Assembly 12.45pm Year<br>1/2  |

### Week 8 Term 1

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| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March    |  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | Year 7 Scripture<br>Year 7 Immunisation<br>League Tag Griffith                 |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March | Stage 6 Preliminary Exams  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | Stage 6 Preliminary Exams<br>Big Day in IT careers conference<br>Wagga Stage 5 |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March    | Primary Assembly 12.45pm K/1   |

## Principal's Report

Last Thursday night I had the pleasure of being present to watch five brave senior students participate in the Lions Youth of the Year program. Pat, Jacinta, Tim, Shardai and Michael had to respond to two impromptu questions and then deliver a prepared speech. All students did a fantastic job throughout this rigorous process and certainly demonstrated their courage and determination to be successful young leaders in our community. Congratulations to Michael Connor who will progress to the regional level.



Congratulations must also go to our talented swimmers who competed at regional level at the end of last week, many with much success. I am delighted to report that the 15 years Boys Freestyle, Boys Medley and All Age Girls Freestyle Relays have been successful in progressing toward the State Championships. Individual swimmers also qualifying for State are Millie Rossato, Josh Fattore and Thomas Fattore. What an amazing achievement. Well done swimmers!



### NAPLAN 2016

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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If you do not wish your child to participate in the testing you may withdraw your child. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed and returned to school well before the start date.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

A Parent Information sheet will be sent home with students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

### Secondary Wellbeing Focus Program

Thank you to the parents who have completed the MindMatters survey which closed recently. Your responses, in conjunction with staff and student responses, will be very useful in directing our Term 2 focus.

This week's Wellbeing session relates to 'being in the moment'. This week we look at strategies to help students learn to be present in the moment, be aware of their learning environment and to improve concentration and focus for learning. Students have generally been very receptive to this program and we encourage them to continue to embrace this opportunity.

### PBL Draw

Congratulations to Dylan Walsh, Braidy Davis, Montanna Davis and Tiffany Whips for winning the PBL draw last week. Students received \$10.00 canteen vouchers and \$20.00 iTunes vouchers for their responsible, safe and respectful behaviours recognised by their teachers. Students are reminded to put their PBL tickets in the PBL box in the library. You've got to be in it to win it! A mini iPad will be the end of term major PBL prize.



### Responsible Pet Program

On Monday K-2 students participated in the Responsible Pet program and had lovely day learning about the correct way to handle and look after their pets.

### Preliminary Examinations

Examination timetables were distributed last week to our Preliminary students. Examinations will be on Wednesday

16<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Friday will be available to undertake make-up examinations. A reminder to students and parents as per our Assessment Policy at the beginning of the Stage 6 Assessment Schedule booklet there are processes to be followed if you know in advance that you will be absent during examination time or illness occurs preventing the student from attending examinations. Please be aware of these processes. If they are not followed then penalties may apply.

Students should have a study routine to ensure that they are well prepared for their upcoming examinations. Study tips can be found at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc>

### Working With Children Checks for Volunteers

Parents play an essential role in assisting us in such as areas as transporting students to events or coaching students in their field of expertise and we very much appreciate your assistance with this. The Department of Education has bought out new guidelines which require all volunteers who engage with our students to complete a Working with Children Check – Declaration for volunteers and contractors. Please contact the school for further information if you intend to volunteer to assist with school events.

Thank you for your support.

### Deposits for Vietnam 2017

Just a reminder that deposits for the proposed excursion to Vietnam are due by 3.25 pm this Friday. Information regarding an approximate payment schedule and consent form is currently available from the front office or from our school website. We need a minimum of 10 student deposits to proceed.

### Easter Holidays 2016

The Easter break occurs during this term, not during the holidays as has been the case over the last few years. Good Friday will fall on 25<sup>th</sup> March and Easter Monday on 28<sup>th</sup> March. School will resume on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Our primary Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. More information will follow.

*Meagan Crelley*  
Principal

## Primary News

### Assembly Awards

#### Kinder/1

Hayden Payne Displaying great leadership qualities  
Amber McGown An amazing effort during TEN activities  
Songkran Burton Displaying great enthusiasm in all his learning

#### Opal Award

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Tara Bedard    | William Perkins |
| Zoe Steinhardt | Songkran Burton |
| Andrew Fattore | Hannah Vremaric |
| Chloe DeMamiel | Nag Kiagala     |

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Savannah Mc Kinnon      Jack Cooney

### Year 3

Saige Mannes      Being conscientious and contributing answers to questions in class

Ned Harris      For displaying keen interest and enthusiasm in all areas of his learning

Montanna Davis      For having accurate knowledge of her 2x tables and being able to apply it

### Year 4

Zoe Rowan      For her unique and fantastic name bug. Amazing!

Ebonie Conlan      For trying really hard to complete subtraction mathematic equations. Keep it up!

### Year 5/6

Ryan Jay      Demonstrated improvement in spelling and a real willingness to have a go

Aldrin Rivera      Producing a well thought and heart-felt acrostic on the topic of pollution

Harrison McKinnon      Taking time to edit and search for that perfect word in poetry writing

### A poem by Darby Evans

**R**ings of plastic cover me

**U**nder bridges and in the sea

**B**eware of this catastrophically Raging

**B**omb of junk that is to consume me

**I**mmortality is to destroy he who

**S**urvives this

**H**orrendous tyranny

**T**earing apart the world

**O**ur beautiful home

**W**ill this destroy us

**N**ow it's a fuss

### Riverina Swimming

Mia placed 1st in freestyle and 3rd in the junior Individual Medley shaving seconds off her personal bests!

Mia has also been selected to swim in the Riverina all age relay she will be travelling to Sydney Olympic Park for state swimming On the 6th and 7th of April to compete in these 3 events.

Charlotte also had a great day looking strong and competitive in the water narrowly missing out on placing in freestyle and backstroke.

Both girls represented Coleambally central school at the Riverina Carnival with great determination and skill.



## Secondary News

### Stage 5 Ag Excursion

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 Stage 5 Agriculture went to the Rice Industry Field Day at "Old Coree". Students were given the opportunity to visit Field Sites to look at the latest research being conducted into Rice growing. We gained an understanding that Farmers need a shorter growing period for their rice to enable them to get a second crop grown in winter. The second crop can bring in an additional income for farmers maximised if the crop is able to utilise the soil moisture from the rice and then winter rainfall. We also realised that rice is not only about meeting the farmers needs but also those of the consumers – consumers have a strong opinion on how their rice should cook and taste. We listened to a presentation from Sun Rice where we learnt that Sun Rice is keen for the Riverina to continue to grow rice in order to meet their markets demand.

Whilst the weather was not the most favourable (extremely hot and torrential rain) made even more uncomfortable by the air conditioning breaking down on the bus going to the Field Sites, the students enjoyed exploring the displays, collecting "freebies" and a cooking demonstration by Poh Ling Yeow!

*Ann Pretty  
Head Teacher Science*



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### Careers News

**Charles Sturt University (CSU)** will be holding 2 MyDay events in **Bathurst** on Monday 11 April 2016 (first week of the NSW school holidays):

**MyDay Communication and Creative Industries Event**  
9:30am - 2:00pm This event is for students who may be considering study in the Advertising, Journalism, Media Practice, Public Relations, Radio, Sports Journalism and Theatre Media fields.

**MyDay Engineering Event** 9:30am - 2:00pm

See Mrs Munro for registration form. Registration forms to CSU by Tuesday 5 April 2016.

GetSet Group Training is **seeking 2 trainees to fill the positions of weighbridge operator** and to undertake a traineeship in Business Administration which will complement their position. The position is **ideal for anyone seeking employment in their gap year as it is a term position not ongoing**. Interested students to email their resume and brief application letter to [admin@getset.org.au](mailto:admin@getset.org.au) by Thursday 10 March. If you would like further information please call Frank Valenzisi on 02 6953 8727

GetSet is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic person to undertake a **Building and Construction apprenticeship in Griffith**.

Send Letter and Resume to [admin@getset.org.au](mailto:admin@getset.org.au) or post to  
GetSet Group Training  
PO Box 161  
Leeton NSW 2705  
Applications close Thursday 10 March 2016  
For further enquiries please contact  
GetSet 02 6953 8727  
Frank Valenzisi 0447 538 700

*Ema Munro*  
*Careers advisor*

### Community Announcements

#### Senior Netball

Coleambally Senior Netball Training is on Thursday nights 5:45pm at the courts.

Registration and Trial Day will be on Thursday 10th March and cost is \$150 all Senior Netballers intending to play will need to register. People wishing to play but cannot attend please get in contact with Kirby Mackie.

### KIDS CAMP OUT 2016

**WHEN:** 19-20th March 2016

**WHERE:** Narrandera Race Course

**WHO FOR:** Kids in Primary School Yrs 3 - 6

**HOW MUCH:** \$15/camper or \$35/Family

**WHY:** Opportunity for kids to join together with 200 others from across the Riverina to enjoy loads of fun activities, camping, games, singing and to learn something about Jesus.

Come and be part of the Coleambally community for 24 hours of chaotic fun.

Please call Demi or Austin Evans on 69544256 for more info and to register.

### Rudy Meyer Memorial Scholarships for 2016.

This is a great opportunity for two students 15-17 years old to attend an Outward Bound Navigator Course fully sponsored. (The fee for this course is normally about \$2000.) This 12 day course held in school holidays is designed to help young people discover, develop and achieve their potential – physically, socially, intellectually, emotionally and develop confidence to face the challenges that school or work may throw their way.

The next course will be the Australian Alps Navigator, April 13-24. However, successful applicants do not necessarily have to attend this course or the same course.

If you would like to apply for one of these Rudy Meyer Scholarships, please complete the first two sections of the Youth Enrolment form. These forms are available at the school office.

If you or your parents have any questions, please contact Penny Sheppard on 69549157 or google “Outward Bound.” As there are only two scholarships available, it may be necessary to interview applicants. Please give this amazing offer your serious consideration.

Due date for response is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please leave your partly completed Youth Enrolment Form at the school.  
*Coleambally-Darlington Point Country Education Fund*

### CDPJRL

Are looking for players in the following ages:

11, 12, 13 & 14 years

If you would like to register to play Rugby League in 2016, please go to: [playnrl.com](http://playnrl.com)

For more information call Kellie Griffiths 0429 339 667

### Sandigo 35 Year Reunion Bush Dance

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 featuring “Swag “n” Billy” Bush Bands. Come and enjoy a great family night. Dance along to jigs, reels and polkas and listen to a great assortment of songs from a wide variety of artists. BBQ @ 6.30pm with food, soft drinks and water available for purchase (BYOG). Monster raffle, lots of prizes to be won. Major prize \$600 Pizza Oven. There will be a bus leaving Narrandera Tourist Information Centre at 6.30pm and returning at 11pm \$10 return.

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# PRIMARY PRESS CLUB

On Wednesday, press club visited year 4 to look at some of their name bugs. Mia Jones, Chloe Evans and Ethan Inggs showed us their name bugs as they almost crawled of the paper, they said they made theirs just by simply mirroring their name and making it look like a bug, they must have had fun.



On the exact same day we visited year 3 ,to see them working hard on hand writing .I was surprised to see how good they were at hand writing .After that we got to see them working hard at math with mathletics .

