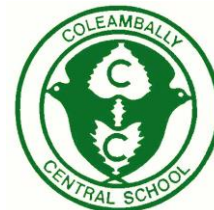


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Week 4 Term 3

9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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## Coming up at Coleambally Central School

### Week 4 Term 3

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	PBL Draw Stage 6 Biology Tutorial 3.30pm Stage 6 Textiles Tutorial 3.30pm Subject Selection Stage 5, 6pm Subject Selection Stage 6, 7pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Trent Barrett Leeton Year 7 Scripture
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Stage 6 PDHPE Tutorial 3.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Primary Landcare Primary Zone PSSA Athletics Riverina CHS Athletics Albury
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	
Week 5 Term 3	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	PBL Draw Stage 6 Biology Tutorial 3.30pm Stage 6 Textiles Tutorial 3.30pm Stage 3 Orienteering/Forest BBQ
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 7 scripture K-6 "A Swag of Tales" performance UNSW Maths Competition
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Stage 6 English Tutorial
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Primary Landcare
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Primary Assembly 2.25pm Year 3



## Principal's Report

Thanks to Mr Maddern, Mrs Pretty and Mrs Strachan for relieving in their respective positions while I was on leave. I am very excited to be back.

Last week our school celebrated Education Week, along with all public schools in New South Wales with the theme of 'Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities.' I feel that this focus particularly rings true for our school. Every day a new story is written here. Friends and family, teachers, and learning experiences contribute to many chapters in our story here at Coleambally Central School. We learn with each other, not just from the subjects we study or teach but by working together in a complex and diverse environment. This teaches us all to be tolerant, empathetic and above all responsible, safe and respectful. This learning makes a stronger, supportive and cohesive learning community that produces some wonderful young people, with many strengths and talents who will go on to lead productive and fulfilling lives, contributing as future community members.

I wish to acknowledge all our School and Vice Captains for their outstanding behaviour and contribution to the Deniliquin Network Education Week celebration and congratulate Pia Fattore and Mrs Foster on their achievements thus far.



On another exciting note, I have been asked to present at the Riverina Secondary Principal's Collegial Association term meeting on one of our school's key strategies to improve our students literacy outcomes; using Literacy Continuum to

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shape teaching and learning. Being a K-12 school, we are in the fortunate position to enable the adoption and implementation of a whole school focus on literacy and can share effective strategies across primary and secondary. Our network links with Ashmont Public School, who have made significant improvements in Literacy and Numeracy since 2012, has also provided us with some proven methods of sustaining a cohesive teacher focus on using the continuum for improvement. Using the Literacy Continuum has also become the focus of the Deniliquin Principal's Network initiative titled the PLANning Future Learning Rural and Remote Project. Essentially the continuum provides us with literacy benchmarks from K-10 to ultimately offer a far stronger literacy background for our students to succeed. The Continuum assists teachers in tracking and monitoring student progress, developing a shared understanding of literacy, communicating clear learning goals with students and to determine 'where to next' with teaching. The Literacy Continuum is one of a suite of key tools, along with our Focus on Reading/2LS reading and comprehension strategies and ALARM in Stage 6 to ensure that we are meeting our School Plan priorities and the Premier's priorities to improve student literacy and Numeracy performance.

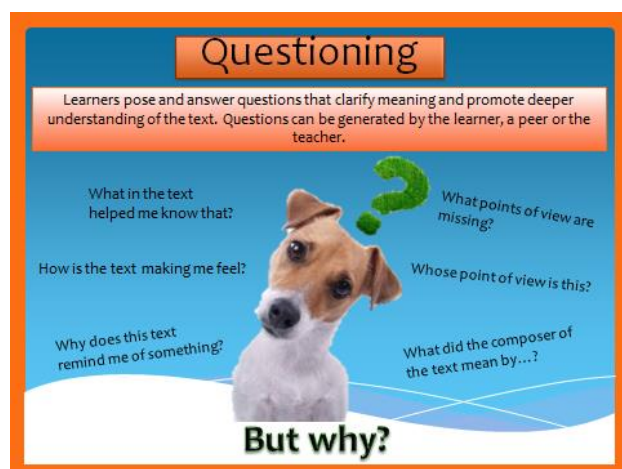
Subsequently, we have been identified as a lead school in the use of the Literacy Continuum in the Riverina region. I look forward to sharing and showcasing our progress and achievements with approximately 50 secondary principals at the end of the week.

#### Good Luck Andrew Evans

Andrew Evans in Year 10 is currently competing in the USA Grand American Target Championships from the 1<sup>st</sup> August and will return home on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Andrew is competing in all open and junior events. We wish Andrew the best of luck competing and hope he continues to excel in this sport.

#### Self-Monitoring

Our literacy focus continues this week with the skill of "self- monitoring" being promoted across classes. Pausing to reflect on what we read and write allows us all to ensure we understand and communicate clearly. Next week we will target a new skill to improve our reading and comprehension: **Questioning**.



#### Upcoming events

Over the coming weeks we have a wide range of extra-curricular activities planned. These are great opportunities for students to broaden their learning experiences at CCS. In the next three weeks alone, upcoming events include the Year 5/6 Dance Camp, Trent Barrett Shield, Zone and Regional Athletics, Primary and Secondary Chess, English and Maths Competitions, Orienteering, and Primary Landcare. There are certainly many ways to experience learning at CCS!

#### Year 7 Scripture

This Tuesday our year 7 scripture classes will commence. They will be held each Tuesday for the next 4 weeks.

#### Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Selections

On Monday our Secondary Subject Selection Information Sessions for students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 were held. Thanks to all Parents and students who attended to hear from teachers about the various courses on offer for 2017. Please remember that subject selection sheets for both Stage 5 and Stage 6 are due into the office by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. The sooner student choices are collated we can confirm which subjects will run in 2017 and determine if students need to make alternate subject selections. Please contact Mrs Crelley or Mr Maddern if you have any questions regarding subject selection.

#### Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Surveys Snapshot 2 2016

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

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This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

[Login information will be provided closer to the opening of the survey period.](#)

### Vietnam 2017

A reminder to parents and students participating in the Vietnam Excursion that installment 2 is due by Friday Week 6, 26<sup>th</sup> August. Also please ensure all necessary documentation is provided to Mrs Crelley or the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Thank you.

Meagan Crelley



## PBL News

**Congratulations to George Payne, Thomas Breed, Laura Mannes and Grace Tooth winners of Monday's PBL draw. Don't forget to put your name on those tickets and get them into the box for our next draw. You have to be in it to win it!**

### Swimming Success

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of August Mia was selected to travel to Albury Wodonga to compete in the Southern Inland Swimming Championships. Mia was entered for 7 events and was competing against other girls from the region. Mia placed in all seven events and even broke the previous record for 50m butterfly- setting the new record at 46 seconds in what was described as "watching a pool full of hungry Piranhas".

Her achievements were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 50m butterfly
- 1<sup>st</sup> 100m IM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m breast stroke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m freestyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m freestyle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m backstroke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m IM

Well done Mia.



## Primary News

### Assembly Awards

#### Kinder/Year 1

William Perkins Wonderful number knowledge during TEN activities

Hannah Vremaric Displaying great enthusiasm during reading group activities

Jessie Pound Beautiful handwriting in all areas

Jai Wilson Enthusiastically sharing a wealth of knowledge on a variety of topics during class discussions

#### Year 1/2

Louise Rose Enthusiastic attitude towards learning

Damon Pound Diligent work ethic

Lisa Strachan Improved book work organisation and handwriting

#### Year 3

Stephanie Vremaric Beautifully fluent oral reading of her stories

Beau Griffiths Incredibly detailed illustrations in his literacy book

Hunter Roberts Showing initiative in being a reliable class helper

Montanna Davis Applying a conscientious attitude towards finishing her homework

#### Year 4

Logan Smith Showing consistent effort throughout all of his school work

Clair Hay For gaining fluency and confidence in her maths learning

Ebonie Conlan For taking time and care when drawing to recreate her favourite book cover

#### Year 5/6

Eloise Jay Finding the main ideas in newspaper articles

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Samuel Davie	Working hard in maths using factors in multiplication
Ryan Jay	Showing improvement with his handwriting
Jack O'Connell	Making the connection between multiplication and division
Caleb-John Whipps	Finding the main ideas in newspaper articles

### Year 5/6

Calling all two litre soft drink bottles, wire coat hangers and an old truck inner tube that can be cut into thick rubber bands. Year 5 and 6 will be designing a self-propelled toy/machine that is capable of travelling over land or water using stored energy other than batteries. We are looking for approximately 30-50 old wire coat hangers and about 50 2litre PET bottles to help us on our way.

*David Watts*  
Assistant Principal

### A Swag of Tales Performance

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be watching a performance titled "A Swag of Tales." The cost of the performance is \$4.00 and was invoiced to your child for your convenience during Term 1. If you have not already paid this amount you can still do so by sending in \$4.00 with your child. If you are unsure whether you have already paid please call the office.

*Thank you*  
*Janine Foster*  
Assistant Principal

### Dance Camp

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of August Izabelle, Michalla and Miss Creek went to Deniliquin to participate in a two day Dance Camp. It was a great experience for both the girls even though it was exhausting. There were 10 dances learnt over the two days, including Aboriginal dancing, Belly dancing, Line dancing, Jazz, Ballet, Konga, Rhythmic Gymnastics, and a dance scene from the movie Teen Beach Movie. Thanks to Miss Creek for driving us to the camp.

*By Izabelle Pretty and Michalla Bright*



### Secondary News

#### Coly Central volunteers at Cypress View



### Whole School News

#### Premier's Reading Challenge Deadline looms!

The Premier's Reading Challenge wraps up on Friday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Make sure your reading records are up to date in order to qualify for a certificate.

Students in Years 3-9 must read at least 15 books from the PRC list plus 5 own choice books to qualify. You can access the challenge through the Student Portal.

If you prefer to manually write your list, the paperwork is available from the library.

### Community Announcements

#### Auskick/Net Set Go

Auskick and Net Set Go Presentation will be this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30 at the Stadium. A sausage sizzle will follow.

#### Romeo and Juliet

Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee Incorporated Presents Romeo and Juliet, the eternal love story, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at the Paradise Palladium Theatre Browley Street Morundah.

Tickets available 6959 7417 after 11am, adults \$50 and children under 15 \$25.



**Sweatbox Community Gym Fundraiser**  
**Wednesday 17th August 6.45pm**  
**@ Griffith City Cinema**  
Movie ticket \$20 Bus \$10 (limited to 35 seats so get in early) Bus leaving Coly @ 5.30pm  
Tickets must be purchased prior to the night from a committee member

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