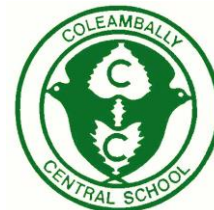


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Week 7 Term 3

30th August 2016

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Coming up at Coleambally Central School

Week 7 Term 3

Monday 29 th August	Trial HSC Exams Year 7/8 PBL movie reward 1.45pm
Tuesday 30 th August	Trial HSC Exams Year 7 scripture Guitar lessons Year 9/10 PBL movie reward 1.45pm
Wednesday 31 st August	K-6 Parent/Teacher interviews K-6 Parent/Teacher interviews Trial HSC Exams
Thursday 1 st September	PBL Draw K-6 Parent/Teacher interviews Year 11/12 PBL reward movie 1.45pm School Photos Primary Landcare P&C Meeting SRC Footy colours day
Friday 2 nd September	Primary Assembly 2.25pm Year 1/2

Week 8 Term 3

Monday 5 th September	PBL Draw Stage 6 Biology Tutorial Stage 6 Textile Tutorial Valid 10 - 9.00 – 11.00am
Tuesday 6 th September	Guitar lessons
Wednesday 7 th September	Stage 6 PDHPE Tutorial
Thursday 8 th September	Primary Landcare
Friday 2 nd September	Primary PBL reward afternoon

Principal's Report

Week 7 commenced with Stage 6 undergoing their Trial Higher School Certificate examinations from Monday to Wednesday.

K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Primary parent/teacher interviews commence on Tuesday until Thursday this week.

K/1 and Year 3 Interviews will be held on Tuesday, Year 1/2, Year 4 and the Literacy and Numeracy Immersion Class interviews will be on Wednesday and Years 5/6 interviews are scheduled for Thursday.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how we can work together to ensure the best learning outcomes for your child.

Planning Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) data will be available for discussion during the parent/teacher interviews this week. PLAN software creates a literacy and numeracy student profile aligned to both the K-10 Literacy and Numeracy Continuums. Currently this software only accommodates student information from K-8 but plans are underway to extend the use of this excellent software to capture literacy and numeracy data up to Year 10. PLAN software is designed to support the teaching and learning cycle and is designed to promote elements from all dimensions of the Quality Teaching Framework.

During the course of 2016, the use of the Literacy Continuum K-10, as a teaching tool to map the development of literacy knowledge and skills, has been a key literacy strategy driving our current School Plan.

The Literacy Continuum covers 8 aspects. Primary and secondary share five of the eight aspects which are: Reading texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary knowledge, Aspects of writing and Aspects of speaking. These aspects have been identified as crucial to the ongoing development of literacy capacity in our students. The continuum reinforces the need for continuity in literacy teaching and learning. It provides a 'shared language' to discuss literacy development across years and across subjects. It supports teachers to assess, plan and teach literacy in their context. The continuum provides a 'snapshot' of areas to focus on at particular points in time. This information, in the form of literacy and numeracy PLAN report, will be available to primary parents at parent/teacher interviews to assist parents in understanding what their child has demonstrated and how parents can support their child's learning at home.

For further information on the Literacy Continuum please access the following resources.

http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/assets/pdf/continuum/K-10_lit_cont_overview.pdf

http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/assets/pdf/continuum/k6_contin_2012.pdf

http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/assets/pdf/continuum/7_10_lit_cont.pdf

VALID testing Years 6, 8 and 10 2016

The Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for students in Years 6, 8 and 10 will be held between **Monday 29 August** and **Friday 11**

November 2016. The test takes approximately 60 minutes. The **VALID Science & Technology** tests are interactive, multimedia tests completed entirely on a computer.

VALID tests contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations and design problems. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on stage appropriate outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science and technology
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation and design processes
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.
- Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science and technology.

Information letters will be sent home prior to administering the **VALID** test to each cohort.

PBL rewards afternoon

Secondary students have successfully demonstrated that they have been responsible, safe and respectful over the course of 2016 to meet the required benchmark for a PBL movie rewards afternoon session. Years 7 and 8 will enjoy their reward on Monday, Years 9 and 10 on Tuesday and Years 11 and 12 on Wednesday following the conclusion of their Trial Examinations. Well done to our students for continually exhibiting these important school values.

2017 Secondary School Captains Speeches

2017 School Captains speeches are now scheduled for Monday 19th September at 10am in the Hall. Best wishes to all candidates.

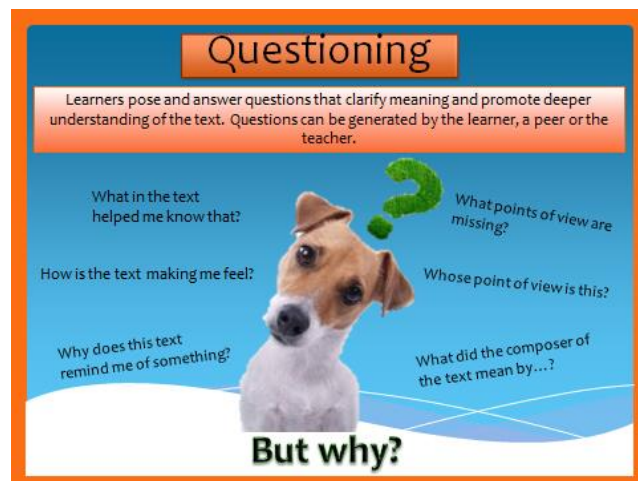
Please remember that nominations close Monday 12th September 3.30 p.m. Nominations are to be submitted personally by the candidate to Mrs Crelley, Principal. A copy of the School Captain speeches to be handed to Mrs Crelley by 9.00am Wednesday 14th September 2016.

School Photos Thursday 1st September 2016

Students are required to wear full winter uniform for our school photos on Thursday. Students should have received an envelope from the photographers for ordering and payment. If you have not received an envelope could you please contact the office prior to Thursday.

Literacy Strategy of the week: Questioning

Our literacy focus continues in Week 7 with the essential skill of *Questioning* being promoted across all classes. Good readers ask questions before, during and after they have read a text. Sometimes the question is answered in the text. Sometimes the question may not be answered by the text at all and we have to find another source of information to help with our comprehension of the text or topic. Asking and answering questions helps us look for information, which builds understanding. Next week we utilise another literacy strategy to improve reading and comprehension: *Making Connections*.



Stage 6 Subject Selections

Our Stage 6 subject selection process is currently being streamlined so we can finalise our lines and student subject choices. We will do our best to meet our student's needs and interests but unfortunately not all student choices can be accommodated due to a lack of numbers in courses, unforeseen staffing changes or other unexpected changes to departmental requirements. Students who need to adjust their current selections will be contacted this week.

Any queries please contact the school on 0269 544 131.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Please access the below link to complete the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/rgb3g>

Your participation ensures that we are aware of your perspectives on our school as well as providing us with information on learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports and we can then use this information to help identify any emerging issues and plan for school improvement. This survey is confidential. Parents cannot be identified by their responses.

Vietnam 2017

A reminder to parents and students participating in the Vietnam Excursion that Installment 2 was due by Friday, 26 August. Also please ensure all necessary documentation is provided to Mrs Crelley or the office as soon as possible if you have not already. Much appreciated.

Congratulations

A big congratulations goes out to Andrew Evans, who flew to the United States for shooting competitions he obtained excellent results. Also this past weekend Andy won the Cobar NSW Junior Masters Point Score and he also had to shoot of for the AA Grade Champion of Champions.

Meagan Crelley
Principal

Whole School News

Footy Colours Day!

The Secondary SRC is asking students K – 12 to support Footy Colours Day on Friday 2nd September 2016. Students may wear footy colours for a gold coin donation.

*Thank you,
Mrs White
Secondary SRC Co-ordinator*

Father's Day

The P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall on Wednesday the 31st of August and Thursday the 1st of September.

Assorted \$1.00 items
Sticky Notes \$1.50
Tyre Gauge with Torch \$2.50
Pocket 3 in 1 Tool \$3.00
Stubby Holder \$3.00
Desk Clock Photo Frame \$4.00
Mug and Coaster Set \$4.00
Jigsaw in a Can \$4.00
Dad Photo Frame \$4.50

Book Fair

The library is holding a Scholastic Book Fair September 12-16 at lunchtime.

Students have the option to purchase books and stationary, with a percentage of the sales going toward the purchase of library resources.

Parents are welcome to come to the library for a look at any time during school hours.

Hope to see you there!

*Danica Mansell
Librarian*



School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Thursday the 1st September 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- [J59 ZA5 RKT]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut-off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.

2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.

3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

Please do not return photo envelopes until photo day 1st September. Family photo envelopes are available at the office, family photos will be taken at lunch time. Please remember to ensure students are wearing the correct winter school uniform.

Career News

Year 12 The Coleambally/Darlington Point Country Education Fund's grants will be on the Country Education Foundation of Australia's website this coming Monday. Applications close on November 18th. Applications can now be completed online. <https://cef.org.au/>

The 2017 applications for **Rural Scholarships** are now open. The **RAS Foundation** is looking for students of any age across a diverse range of tertiary or vocation, education and training studies that require financial support. Recipients will share a common drive to support their community and will be passionate about playing a part in shaping the future of rural and regional NSW. Scholarships of \$5,000 for full-time or \$2,500 for part-time study are available, along with opportunities to build professional networks through participation in a range of events. <http://www.rasnsw.com.au/foundation/scholarships-and-grants/ras-rural-scholarships/>

The C.A.S Hawker Scholarship. The 2017 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 5th December and close on Friday 6th January 2017. C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. See www.hawkerscholarship.org

CWA Education grants are now open. Grant forms and further information are available from the school office and need to be completed by Friday 16th September.

Sir John Monash Education Bursary is also now available for application further information is available at the school office.

Community Announcements

Portsea Camp 2017

Portsea camp will be held from Wednesday 11th January – Tuesday 17th January for children aged between 9 and 12 years of age. Flyers with further information are available at the school office.

Romeo and Juliet

Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee Incorporated presents Romeo and Juliet, The Eternal Love Story, on Saturday 17th September, 7.30pm at the Paradise Palladium Theatre Browley Street Morundah.

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

CBA School Banking

Term 3 Competition!

Make 3 or more School Banking Deposits for a chance to win one of these great prizes below.

Plus along with your deposits finish the online activity and you'll also get the chance to win a PlayStation 4 pack!!

Just keep saving and you could WIN!!

REMEMBER- School Banking is WEDNESDAY

Fusion

Drop-in Centre meets every first and second Tuesday of the month - 6th and 20th September 2016

Fusion Connect 'Busting out of our labels' on Saturday 10th September

Darlington Point Spring Festival - 21st September - Fusion has a free section of Fun activities at CWA Park at Festival near Skate Park.

P&C

Coleambally Central School P & C will be holding a street stall on Friday 16th September. If you can bake or have produce to donate or just your time helping at the stall could you please contact Sharon Breed on 69 548 354 or 0407 582 483. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Taste Coleambally Festival

The Taste Coleambally - Food and Farm Festival will be running between 21st -23rd October 2016. Shining a light on Irrigated Agriculture and sustainable use of water, the Festival spreads an important message not only to urbanites, but the Greater Riverina community. An exciting visitor experience is guaranteed through a range of innovative new activities and events - our biggest, most exciting Festival yet!

As part of this year's festival we have an Art Exhibition, Art Competition and Meet the Maker Areas. We would love for you to be involved and/or help us promote these events to help put Artists of the Riverina in the spotlight.

The Festival's Objectives are to:

Educate people on primary production and the importance of agriculture and water to our region and Australia

Provide a platform for food and fibre producers to market and showcase their product/service

Educate people on sustainable living through the use of local produce in cooking

Support development of a cohesive arts community with interactive displays and workshops.

We look forward to working with you on another exciting Festival event. To discuss your participation and advertising please contact the Festival Coordinator, Julie Bellato on 0419 493 429 or email us at tastecoly@gmail.com.

Can Assist

Can Assist invite you to join us for Morning Tea on Thursday 15th September 2016 10.30am at the Coleambally Community Club. Cost will be \$10 for morning tea. There will be a continuous raffle and lucky door prize with Kate O'Callaghan as the guest speaker. Funds raised will help Can Assist Coleambally to provide local cancer patients with financial assistance and practical support while undergoing treatment. Contact Sue Hardy 69 546 747 or Heather Hogan 69 546 743.

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Term 4 Kinder Transition Sessions

Week 1 Thursday 13th October
12:30-3:00

Week 2 Thursday 20th October
12:30-3:00

Week 3 Thursday 27th October
12:30-3:00

Week 4 Thursday 3rd November
12:30-3:00

Week 5 Thursday 10th November
12:30-3:00