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Newsletter - *Monday 27th November 2017*
Week 8 Term 4

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**YEAR 7 TRANSITION AT
COOLAH CENTRAL SCHOOL**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The last day of operation for the school canteen for 2017
will be 8th December 2017

Please ensure for the last week of school your child has recess, lunch and a
drink bottle.

Thanks to Anne and her team for all her hard work during 2017

Principal News with Mr George Frangos



Bus Trial

Earlier in the year we investigated moving to a 5 x 60 minute period day for secondary students at Coolah Central School in 2018, with alignment of the finishing time with primary at 3pm. We consulted with various groups including the school Parent and Citizen Association, Bus Companies, Teachers and the school Student Representative Council about the suggested timetable changes. We are currently finalising the 2018 timetable to accommodate the new period structure and the 3pm finish time. In preparation for the change in curriculum we will do a bus trial over 3 days which includes the following dates:

Tuesday 5/12/17

Wednesday 6/12/17

Thursday 7/12/17

This means all students will finish at 3pm on these days and buses will arrive and pick up students. This trial will allow us to identify any issues that may arise and make the necessary adjustments.

Attendance and absences

Could parents/careers please ensure they provide explanations for all absences in the timeframe required by the Department of Education, please see last paragraph.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
 - having an unavoidable medical appointment
 - being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Acting Deputy News with Miss George



Deputy Principal News from Miss George

Well done to all of the Year 6 students who successfully completed their transition activities to Secondary School this past week. Miss McDonald and Mr Mangwiro report that everything progressed smoothly and students appeared to be enjoying the activities

provided. I would like to add my personal thanks to all involved, and to say that I thoroughly enjoyed my lesson with the students.

The term may be coming to a close but things have not yet slowed down here at Coolah Central School. The Primary students have been busy feasting on roast lamb and vegetables from their garden. All reports are the

food was delicious! Year 8 have just returned from their "Beyond the Gate" visit to Sydney, as part of our ongoing involvement with ASPIRE and UNSW. Kindergarten and Year 9 have both visited the Red Hill Education Centre near Gulgong to learn about our colonial history. I am once again amazed and impressed at the variety of experiences we are able to provide our students.

As the weather continues to warm up we all need to be aware of the demands the heat has on our bodies. Please ensure that your child has a hat and water bottle with so that they are able to stay cool and refreshed in the days to come.

As always I and Mr Hughes can be contacted at the school should you have any concerns.

Miss Fahey's Class



Wow, Week 8 already!

We have some very busy weeks ahead as we inch closer to the end of term and Christmas.

Intensive Swimming will start today, Monday 27th and finish Thursday 7th

December. Our group is in the first session so students will be able to come to school wearing their swimmers already under their uniform. Please remember that students require swimmers, a towel, sunscreen, thongs and goggles if necessary.

Homework: Contract 28 is due this Friday. I encourage students to continue reading throughout the remainder of the term and during the school holidays as reading is a very important part of the learning process.

Sport: Due to intensive swimming there will be NO swimming for sport on Friday.

There should be little other changes to our class timetable other than intensive swimming





Our class captains for this week are **Che** and **Gabby** and our "Pupil of the Week" is **Noel**.

Homework/Class Work/News

Now that we have completed all of our Homework units the students may revise the sight words and sounds which have been learnt this year and if your child is looking for some extra work to do, then he/she may write some stories.

The cut-off day for the completion of 200 nights of home reading is this **Wednesday**. The students will still benefit from practising their reading regularly at home though.

In **Literacy** we will begin looking at a variety of Christmas stories and we will be writing a letter to Santa. In **Maths** we will be studying the numbers to thirty, taking away, describing 3D objects and posing questions about data and in **Art/Craft** we will begin making our Christmas displays. In all other subject areas we will be revising and consolidating concepts we have learnt this year.

Awards/Achievements

Congratulations go to **Harry** who has completed 150 nights of Home Reading and **Millie C.** who has reached the magical 200 nights.

Please send in a drink of water and some extra fruit each day for our sip and crunch.

Today we commenced our **Intensive Swimming** and

we will be going to the pool each day. All students will need to bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen, thongs/sandals and a rash shirt each day. We will change into our swimmers at school.

Thursday – SRC Disco– The Infants disco starts at 5pm and finishes at 6pm. It would be great to see lots of students supporting this fun event.

Friday- Library

Our excursion to **Red Hill** last Friday was awesome. We all learnt a lot about the past and we really enjoyed discovering how things have changed over time. We all agreed that life is easier now with all of our conveniences.

It was great to dress up in the olden day clothes and look at the different artefacts, both at the Red Hill Centre and the Gulgong Museum. We particularly enjoyed our lesson in the olden day classroom. School has definitely changed!

A special thankyou to Mr Hughes for accompanying us and also Mr Golden for being our trusty driver.

Our **Christmas Church Service** last week was lovely! Thankyou to Father Robert for organising this wonderful service.

Year 1 News with Miss Watson



Welcome to Week 8!

Swimming has finally arrived and for the next 2 weeks this is going to keep us busy. Please make sure your children go to bed early/on time during this fortnight and have a good breakfast and dinner. Please remember to bring your hat every day to

school.

Congratulations to **Annabelle** and **Makayla** for completing 200 nights of reading. Don't forget if anyone has nearly reached 200 nights please return your home reading book by this Wednesday.

We have a birthday this Week **Makayla** is 7 today. A Happy Birthday from your friends in Year 1. Enjoy your day on Thursday.

Thank You to everyone for returning homework this term and during the year. I will still send spelling words home this week. Spelling and sound for this week is

'air' as in **chair**. We have been working hard on creative free choice writing. We will have a Christmas and holiday theme in the coming weeks.

MATHS: This week we will be completing **Unit 31** jump strategy (subtraction), finding groups, tessellations and digital time.

Science: This term we have been looking at the topic **Sound and Light**. Last week, we made guitars out of recyclable materials to hear the different sounds each guitar makes. There was lots of creative energy and ideas in action. Here are some photos of the process and the little Year 1 rock stars.



Year 2/3 News with Mrs Ferguson & Miss Frazer



Welcome to Week 8.

We begin our intensive swimming this week. Please make sure your child has their swimmers, goggles, thongs and towel with them daily.

MATHS:- We begin our revision and testing this week for our end of term assessment. This assessment will then guide the final revision of topics for the last two weeks of the year.

ENGLISH: Students will complete an assessment piece

of procedural writing, demonstrating their growth over the unit. Our sound for this week is; 'air' and 'are' as in chair and square.

HISTORY: Students will complete assessment for their history units studied this term. We will then be wrapping up and re-visiting necessary topics.

Please also remember to keep collecting PBL's as the cut off date is approaching. This will enable as many students as possible to reach the PBL reward day.

Year 3/4 News with Mrs Burgess



Intensive Swimming commences today for all of the infants and primary. Our class will be first session for the day so I have told the students that they are able to wear their swimmer to school underneath their school uniform. A reminder for all students- they need to remember their swimmers, a towel, sunscreen, a hat, thongs (optional) goggles and swimming cap if needed. Also, if your child is wearing their swimmers to school they need to bring along the appropriate change of clothes to change into after each swimming session.

SPELLING: The spelling focus this week is based around the sound 'air' as in chair and 'are' as in square. Spelling lists went out today and the weekly test will be on Friday this week. A huge congratulation to all of these super spellers for last week: Hamish, Geoffrey, Bonni, Amelia, Josie, Maddie, Seth, Ben, Milly, Alice, Sid, Tia, Sienna, Clare, Indie, Asher, Lachie and

Jordan.

HISTORY: We will be finishing off the year with a study on 'Celebrations from Around the World'. This unit looks into various cultural celebrations and also when, where, how and why they are celebrated. The students will also look closely into the history of these celebrations. Different celebrations we will be looking at are Holi, La Tomatina, Running of the Bulls, the Chinese New Year, NAIDOC Day, Ramadan, the Day of the Dead and Hanukah.

SPORT: There will be no sport for the next 2 weeks due to Intensive Swimming; students still need to wear their sports uniform on Friday though.

HOMEWORK: Homework went home today, Unit 35 is to be completed and brought back in on Friday.

Year 4/5 News with Mrs O'Neill



This week we start our School Swimming Program. Year 4/5 will swim from 10.30-11.00am. Students need to BRING their swimmers to school and they will have time to change before we leave for the pool.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rindfleisch for all her effort in organising our Feast Day on Friday. The students all thoroughly enjoyed their roast lamb dinner. A special thank you to Mr Jones who came in and carved our meat for us.

A reminder that SRC Disco will be held on Thursday night. Primary's disco time will be from 6.00-7.30pm.

SPELLING: Our spelling focus for this week is 'air' as in 'chair' and 'are' as in 'square'. Over the final few weeks of term we will be having a huge focus on handwriting. Many students have shown some excellent improvement in developing their own cursive handwriting style; however I now want to see this style of handwriting being focused on and used neatly in ALL writing tasks, not just within handwriting

books. We will also be having a grammar blitz. Last week we looked at the correct use of colons, semi-colons, dashes, hyphens and brackets. This week we will spend time revising the correct use of the apostrophe!

YEAR 4 MATHS: Over the next week we will be completing our final topic on 'Mass' and then we will finish the year with revision and some problem solving activities that address the 'Working Mathematically' strand of the Maths Syllabus.

HOMEWORK: Thank you to everyone who hands in their homework each and every week. Homework completion will be worth x2 PBL's. This week we will complete our final contract for the year. Contract 35 needs to be completed this week and is due back by Friday.



Year 5/6 News with Mrs Wesley



Congratulations Year 6, our cake stall on Friday was a huge success. Thank you to all mums, dads and carers who helped out with the baking, the creations and decorating were fabulous. All the money will go towards our

Graduation evening in some way. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

The Year 6 transition into secondary went really well last week and everyone seems to be a bit more relaxed about what is expected of them now.

Swimming began today and Year 5/6 will be swimming in the morning session. Students can wear swimmers under their uniforms to school however everyone will be required to change out of wet swimmers and back into full school uniform after our session. Please remember to bring all the correct items of clothing to change back into. Thongs can be brought to school to walk down and back, but correct foot wear must be

worn to school in the morning and again when we return from swimming.

As the end of the year draws closer we are going to complete our homework units in class. There are still 3 units left. If you have your homework book at home please bring it in to work in. I do have spare copies for those you can't find their books anymore. Spelling is going to work the same for the rest of term I won't be giving any Friday tests however we will be continuing to complete all activities and still focus on remaining sounds.

Invitations for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner went home last week so please return numbers and money asap. Secret Santa information went out today. Please read the letter carefully so everyone knows how it works.

Have a great week everyone.

A Sneak Peak at the Week..

CCS Calendar of Events - Week 8

- 27th Nov • Intensive Swimming
- 27th Nov-1st Dec • Galuwa UTS Sydney
- 28th Nov • Intensive Swimming
- Intensive Swimming
- 29th Nov • Engaging Students TAFE
- 30th Nov • Intensive Swimming
- SRC Disco
- 1st Dec • Intensive Swimming

CCS Calendar of Events - Week 9

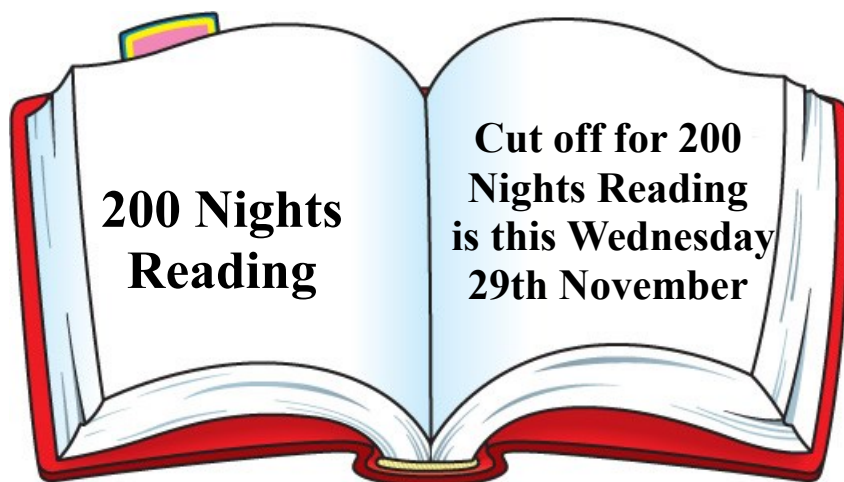
- 4th Dec • Intensive Swimming
- 5th Dec • Intensive Swimming
- Engaging Students TAFE
- 6th Dec • Intensive Swimming
- 7th Dec • Intensive Swimming
- 8th Dec • Term 4 Assembly

**7-12 Maths Tutoring
Thursday
3.30-4.30 in
the Library**



The P&C have asked for donations of cakes and slices for the End of Term Assembly on Friday 8th December.

Please leave donated items at the School Office on Thursday 7th December.



Year 6 Cake Stall



Kindergarten at Red Hill



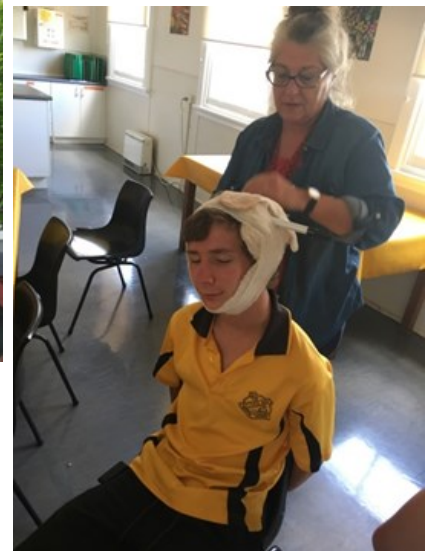
Yr 9 Red Hill

Last Thursday Year 9 went on an excursion to Red Hill in Gulgong to extend our knowledge of WW1 and WW2 by doing a site study.

Our guide Michelle took us to the cemetery first, where we found war veterans graves and wrote down their status and any other information.

Then we went to the war memorial where we gathered more information about war veterans and our site study booklet. We then proceeded to the museum where we looked at war artefacts.

After that we went back to the red hill environmental centre where we made Anzac biscuits, treated fake war wounds and painted each other's faces with camouflage paint.



SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT/ASSIGNMENTS

Year 7

- ♦ Tabloid Assessment—PDHPE Week 8
- ♦ Geography: Town Case Study Presentation 5th December
- ♦ English : Weekly spelling

Year 10

- ♦ Geography: RAP Report—Week 9

Year 12

- ♦ Geography—Mega-city Case Study 12th December
- ♦ Advanced English—Weekly Writing tasks
- ♦ Advanced English—Weekly Blog Posts
- ♦ Advanced English—Discovery Portfolio: Due Term 1, 2018

Can parents and guardians please check students diaries as there may be additional homework or teacher correspondence

Secondary Sport

This Wednesday Secondary Sport will again be swimming. Students need to remember, swimmers, towel, sunscreen and \$3.00 if they do not have a season ticket.

First Aid Classes With Kirsty England



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Start Dates



2018

Student Return Dates for 2018

Kindergarten 2018 commence Big School on Thursday 1st February 2018.

All Year 1 - 6 students commence school on Tuesday 30th January

Years 7, 11 & 12 commence on Tuesday 30th January

Years 8, 9 & 10 commence on Wednesday 31st January



Kindergarten Best Start Assessment Program 2018

Testing Dates -

**Tuesday January 30th &
Wednesday January 31st.**

A colorful sun-like logo made of dots in orange, yellow, and green.

Best Start

Presentation Night 2017

Our annual Presentation Night will be held on Monday 11th December at 7.00pm.

This night is to award students for their achievement, hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the year.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this night, please contact Kerrie McMaster at the school office on 6377 1101.

SRC DISCO



Thursday 30th November (Week 8)

5 - 6pm - Preschool are invited to join Infants (K-2)

6:00 - 7:30pm - Year 2 are invited to join Primary (3-6)

7:30 - 9:30pm - Year 6 are invited to join Secondary (7-11)



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Genie in the Jukebox

DVD'S

\$7.00

Orders for DVD's of our wonderful performance, Genie in the Jukebox are now being taken.

Please fill in the slip below and return to the Front Office with payment by Tuesday 5th December at 9.30am. **NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS TIME.**

Genie in the Jukebox DVD Offer

Iwould like to order DVD's
at \$7.00 each.

I enclose \$.....

Please tick -

I will pick up from school ☐

Please send home with child ☐

childs name.....



YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER

CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL

Monday the 11th of December
at Recess and Lunch
in the Secondary Quad



PRICES FROM 50C TO \$3