



**Newsletter - Monday 6th March 2017**  
**Week 7 Term 1**

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**PRIMARY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**



Good luck to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Primary & Secondary North West Swimming Carnivals in Armidale on Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March.

**SECONDARY**

Will Ticehurst	Sophie Cook
Daniel Frost	Braydon Burgess
Bonnie Size	Jami Roberts
Ethan Hepplewhite	

**PRIMARY**

Isabelle Stanford	Eli Blake	Xavier McDonald	Amber Thomas	Henry Goldman
Alice Gilder	Tia Thomas	Hamish Stanford	Gabrielle Gibbons	Riley Mills
Fiora Whitbourne-Martin	Hallam Weatherley	Kane Weatherley	Rosemaree Nairne	Indie Witton
Isabella Gibbons	Brendon Edwards	Isaac Curtis	Taylor Wright	Charlotte Porter

**ASPIRE**





### **HSC Minimum Literacy and Numeracy Standards**

Last year I mentioned about the new HSC standards being introduced in relation to literacy and numeracy. I will go over some of the key points.

From 2020, all Year 12 students in NSW must reach the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive an HSC.

The standard is mapped against Level 3 of the Core Skills Framework, a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

Students in Year 9 in 2017 will be the first students expected to meet the standard.

#### **Multiple opportunities to pass**

Students can demonstrate they meet the standard by passing the online reading, writing and numeracy tests, which will be available for students to sit in:

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

Students will have the first opportunity to prove they meet the standard by achieving Band 8 results or above in Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests. Students who achieve Band 8 will not need to sit the online tests later in years 10, 11 and 12.

No student will be ineligible to sit for the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

#### **Students who don't meet the standard**

All students should complete high school with a functional level of literacy and numeracy for everyday life and employment.

Students who don't demonstrate the standard will have five years after beginning their first HSC courses to meet the minimum standard and receive an HSC. They will receive a Record of School Achievement on leaving school.

#### **Exemptions**

Disability provisions will be available for the new tests in line with existing provisions for the HSC.

Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses in English and Mathematics, will be exempt from meeting the minimum standard.

An exemptions policy will be developed in consultation with key stakeholder groups and be released in 2017.

### **CCS Calendar of Events**

#### **Week 7**

**Mon 6th—  
Tues 7th**

Senior Interviews

**Mon 6th -  
Fri 10th**

Yr 12 Vet Construction  
Placement

**Tues 7th**

Secondary NW Swimming

**Fri 10th**

- Primary Zone League & Basketball— Coona
- Yr 11 ITM Dubbo

### **Deputy News with Mr Winston Hughes**



We are now more than halfway through Term 1 with 5 weeks left of Term. Each week I will publish an important study tip for students. These 5 study tips are fundamental in students achieving to their potential especially in senior years.

Congratulations to all senior students who participated with enthusiasm in their first study skills session last Monday. The focus on this session was goal setting and the study cycle. Interviews with senior students to develop Individual Learning Success Plans are being held today and tomorrow. These plans will be mailed home to parents and caregivers once

completed.

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

### **Study Tip 1**

**ENGAGE:** Don't just be a bystander, instead be an active participant in your own learning, taking responsibility for what you need to do to achieve your academic best.

#### **This means:**

You involve yourself in all of your lessons, staying on task, participating in discussions and trying to absorb as much as you can during your classes.

You complete all of the set work for your subjects and you try and keep up to date in this work.

You seek help on anything you don't understand or can't do. This might be from a teacher, a friend, online sources, additional books or study guides. You also do this nice and early, you don't let the problems pile up.





Our **class captains** for this week are **Noel** and **Georgie**.

Thankyou to all parents who have paid for their children's **bookpacks** already. If you haven't done so please do so as soon as possible or come and see me if you are unable to do so.

If there are any parents/grandparents who would like to come and assist in the classroom by listening to students read, please let me know which day would suit you. We do our L3 (Reading and Writing) activities from 9.30am until 10.45am each morning. Please remember that you will need to have completed a "Working with Children Check" .

### Homework/Class Work/News

Our Homework unit is **Unit 4** in our Homework book. The Homework last week was fabulous! Well done everyone!! Please remember that we only use coloured pencils to complete our work though.

Our new sight words to learn this week are **it, can, see, come** and **here** and we will also be learning the sounds "**c**" and "**k**".

The children also need to practise their readers each day please.

In Maths we will be learning about the number 4, equal and not equal groups, circles and the terms full and empty.

In History we will continue looking at our families and this week we will look at what we know about our family members such as their place of birth and when they were born. I have sent another sheet home for the students to complete (with your help please) which they can complete about a particular family member. A huge thankyou to all parents who helped with the completion of the family trees last week. They were excellent!

In Literacy we will continue learning how to read, write and use our new sight words and sounds and we will continue looking at the "Pig the Pug" books.

In Art and Craft we will complete our book covers by undertaking a variety of different printing techniques.

In Geography we will be discussing and drawing what we see on our way to school.

### Awards/Achievements

Congratulations go to **Harry** and **Che** who each received a merit certificate at our K-6 assembly last Friday.

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

### Wednesday- Library

Our visit from **ASPIRE** last week was very exciting! We all really enjoyed the different activities and we particularly liked dressing up in the graduation gowns and special hats. One day we may even get to wear the real thing.

Our "p" activities last week were also lots and lots of fun! We all enjoyed wearing our pyjamas and having a yummy picnic in the park. We also loved our delicious pineapple which was donated by Malaki's mum and our pancakes which were kindly made and donated by Fletcher's mum. A huge thankyou to our wonderful canteen ladies for preparing our pizzas and party pies.

We have a wonderful Maths programme that the children can do on their computer at home called **Mathletics**. Please let me know if you would like your child's password.



**PLEASE NOTE: SPORT has been moved back to Friday's.** Kindergarten and year 1/2 will have sport P4 Friday while years 2-6 will complete sport at 2 o'clock on Fridays.

For the next few weeks we will be lucky enough to have a volunteer helping across infants and primary. Maddy is studying to become a teacher and is looking for some extra experience across K-6 and I have managed to secure Maddy for Literacy groups for the next 3 weeks. We thank Maddy in advance for her time.

**Literacy groups** will run again this week with reading at the L, soundwaves, grammar, handwriting and creative writing happening in the other groups. All the groups are into the routine of L3 groups now and each and every group are making steady improvement in their reading at the L which is pleasing to see.

This week in **Maths** students will be introduced to ordinal numbers, 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. Questioning your child around ordinal numbers this week will help their understanding. Questions like, if you are number 2 in

line, what do we call that??

**Homework** completion was very high last week. Well done to all students for working hard to get this done. This week students are to complete Contract 4, revise their spelling list at least 3 times in their spelling book and read for 5mins aloud each night.

**Student book pack payments** are slowly rolling in. Thank you to those who have already paid this. The book pack **payment is \$60** and this covers all student text books, pencils, books and art supplies. If you are experiencing financial difficulties these book packs can be paid off in instalments to help you out. Contact the office to arrange this if required.

Have a great week.

Mr R



## Miss Fahey's Class



This has been a very exciting week for our class because we got to move into our new demountable classroom! We had lots of visitors throughout the week to see our new room and how we have decorated it. It's great to have the extra space and we are quickly finding a space for all of our books, toys and resources.

Our date and weather focus for the week was the season Autumn. We looked at Autumn and how it affects the trees outside our room, made acrostic poems and did some leaf scratching's with crayons. Everybody's work looks fabulous displayed in our new room.

Homework this week will be Contract 4 and is to be completed and brought back to school on Friday.

Well done to Liam M who received our class award at the assembly on Friday and great job to everyone for a fabulous week. I look forward to the week ahead!

**SINGLE SWAG MATTRESS  
TOPPERS  
\$5.00 EACH  
FROM CCS FRONT OFFICE  
(CASH ONLY)  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO**

**THE VICTIMS OF THE  
SR IVAN FIRE**

**The toppers were originally used by  
Qantas as seat toppers during  
international flights and were  
donated to CCS for the victims of the  
recent Sr Ivan Fires. All toppers are  
clean and in plastic bags.**

Welcome to Week 7!!!

Congratulations to Amber and Henry who were chosen to compete at North West Swimming in Armidale. We do wish them best of luck as they swim there today and look forward to hearing results from all our swimmers!

Most days we have a short fruit break and it would be appreciated if your child is bringing large fruit, that it could be already cut up to enable eating in our limited time.

Homework this week is Contract 4 for Year 2 and 3. Books went home today with the spelling words inside. This week our Sound Waves books focus on the sound 'e' for egg. Please write out these words and practice each night. If written in a book at home they do not need to be brought into class every week but they can be brought in every few weeks if your child would like to show me. Our test will be on Friday.

Great Spelling results last week from Amber, Elke and Ebony from Year 2 and Chloe, Sophia, Claudia and Ryan from Year 3! Excellent effort!!



Primary Assembly Awards went to Jessi and Angus for a great start to Term One!!

25 nights Reading Awards went to Elke. Evan and Amber!! Well done and keep up the great effort!!

**Maths:** - This week Year Two will be looking at Chance events, Ordering Capacity, Representing numbers to 1000 and Division/equal groups.

Year Three-Please see Mrs Burgess' news.

**Science** - We are focussing on Palaeontology and Fossils in Science this term, we are enjoying learning about how fossils are made!

## Year 3/4 News with Mrs Burgess

Congratulations to all students who are in Armidale today for Northwest Swimming. I'm sure we will hear all about your great efforts on your return.

As the year progresses various zone and Northwest sports are offered to the students. We will keep the primary students informed about the sports as they arise and selected students will be given appropriate permission notes if they are successful in selection.

Last Friday was our very first SRC assembly, well done to Milly Van Huisstede, Alice Gilder and Hamish Stanford who received merit certificates.

**SPELLING:** The spelling sound for this week is 'e' as in egg, and 'ea' as in head. The test for this list will be on Friday. Super spellers for week 6 are: Brendon, Geoffrey, Clare, Tia, Sid, Lachlan and Alice.

**YEAR THREE MATHS:** This week we will complete our unit on whole number. We will move onto addition and subtraction. Please look out for the assessments already completed on whole number and 3D space.

**HISTORY:** We have started our unit on 'Explorers around the World' looking at early world exploration.

**SCIENCE:** We will continue on with our unit on dinosaurs, paleontology and fossilisation in Science.



**GEOGRAPHY:** Our new unit will look at 'Australia'. In this unit we look into states, territories, towns, cities and other features on our great land.

**SPORT:** Sport will continue to be held on Fridays for the rest of the year. We were able to shuffle a few timetable issues around that now allow us to stay as per normal for Fridays. This week sport will be at the pool. A reminder for all to bring swimmers, towel, goggles, sunscreen, hat, swim cap and a drink. Also money, \$3.00, for entry if you are not season ticket holders.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework went home today, Unit 4 in to be completed and brought back in on **Friday**.

Happy Birthday to Blair Yates who celebrated his special day on Saturday. We hope you had a super day!!! Happy Birthday also to Toby Tuckwell who celebrates his 10th birthday next Saturday. Have a great day Toby!





We have a number of students from our 4/5 class representing the school in Armidale today for Northwest Swimming. A big congratulations to all these students as well as those from other classes. We look forward to hearing about all of your efforts and achievements when you return to school.

This week we will commence trials for various zone and Northwest sports. Students need to place their name on the lists outside the Year 6 classroom and we will keep the primary students informed about the sports as they arise. Selected students will be given appropriate permission notes if they are successful in selection.

Thanks to a few timetabling changes we are now able to keep Sport on a Friday for the rest of this year. For Primary students, sport will be after lunch on a Friday. As long as the weather remains warm we will continue to swim for Sport.

Thank-you to the SRC who hosted the K-6 assembly last Friday. Congratulations to both Indiana Hambrook & Gabrielle Gibbons who both received merit certificates.

**SPELLING:** The spelling sound for this week is 'e' as in egg, and 'ea' as in head. The test for this list will be on Friday. Super spellers for week 6 are: Super Spellers for week 6 were: Indiana, Bonnie, Phoebe, Cooper and Tom. Congratulations to these people.

**YEAR FOUR MATHS:** I was very pleased with the result from our test on Whole Number and Place Value. So well done to all students. Last week we commenced our unit on fractions. Can parents please encourage all students to practice their timetables at home as this really helps students in all

aspects of their Maths' units.

Please see Mrs Wesley's report for Year 5 Math's news.



**GEOGRAPHY:** This week will continue our unit looking at 'Changes to the Environment'. This unit will look at Indigenous changes to the environment as well as a looking at changing of our local environment.

**SCIENCE:** Students are all enjoying our unit on 'Plant and Animal Adaptations'. Students will have an assignment for this unit which will be sent home in Week 7. They will also have some class time to complete this.

**ART:** Our art unit for the next few weeks incorporates the topics we have been learning about in Geography and Science. We are looking at Aboriginal dot paintings and over the next few weeks we are going to create a whole class artwork which requires us to all work together to complete the final master piece.

**HOMEWORK:** Students are to complete both pages of Unit 4 and this is due back in on **Friday** this week.

While the weather has cooled off slightly it is still very important that students keep drinking water, so please keep sending drink bottles with your children.

We are on the down-hill slope for Term 1 and I am very impressed with the quality of work being produced in this wonderful classroom. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs O'Neill

## Year 5/6 News with Mrs Wesley



Good luck to all our Swimmers who are swimming in Armidale today in the North West Carnival. I am sure some great results will come out of the day.

**SPELLING:** Spelling focus for this week will be 'e' as in 'egg' and 'ea' as in 'head'. Take time out everyday to revise your words and use them in interesting sentences. If you don't know what a word means look it up in the dictionary.

Week 5 Spelling results with 100% were Bella, Rose, Taylor and Maddie and this weeks spellers are

Sport: this week will be at the pool for swimming. A reminder for all to bring swimmers, towel, goggles, sunscreen, hat, swim cap and a drink.

**HOMEWORK:** Contract 3 needs to be completed and brought back in on Friday.

Congratulations to Jessica and Boe who received Merit Certificates from Fridays K-6 Assembly.

Have a great week and keep working hard.



## NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The school has received additional information for national competitions running in 2017. If parents /guardians would like to enter their child in any of the competitions below, please tick the relevant box and return the slip with the money enclosed to the front office ***no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March for the Australian Geography Competition & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017*** for other entries. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

<u><b>Subject</b></u>	<u><b>Year Levels</b></u>	<u><b>Entries Closing</b></u>	<u><b>Test Date</b></u>	<u><b>Entry Fee per student</b></u>	<u><b>Please tick to enter</b></u>
<b>Digital Technologies</b>	Years 3-10	31 March 2017	23 May 2017	\$9.90	
<b>Science</b>	Years 3-12	31 March 2017	30 May 2017	\$9.90	
<b>English</b>	Years 3-12	31 March 2017	1 August 2017	\$9.90	
<b>Australian Mathematics</b>	Years 3-12	31 March 2017	27 July 2017	\$10.00	
<b>Australian Geography</b>	Years 7-12	1 March 2017	26 April-9 May 2017	\$4.00	
<b>Australian History</b>	Years 9-10	1 April 2017	24 May 2017	\$6.00	
<b>Writing</b>	Years 3-12	1 April 2017	12-16 June 2017	\$19.80	
<b>Spelling</b>	Years 2-7	1 April 2017	14 June 2017	\$13.20	
<b>ICAS Mathematics</b>	Years 3-12	1 April 2017	15 August 2017	\$9.90	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

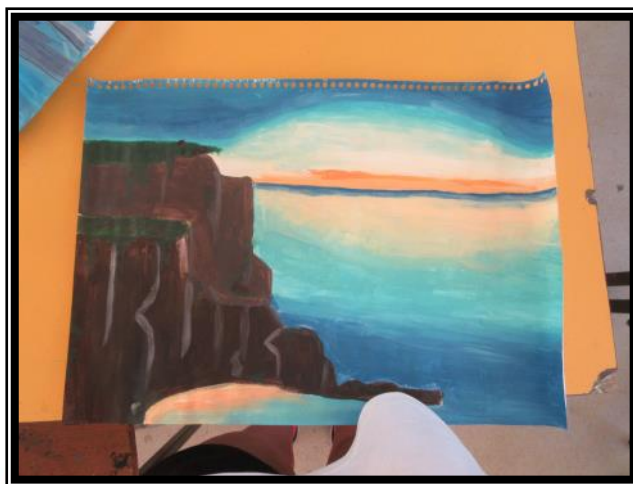
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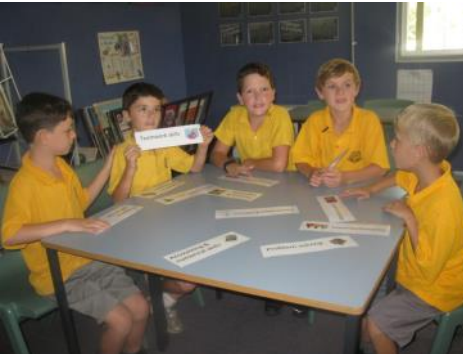




## Years 9 & 10 Art







## **School P & C Association Held on 21/2/2017 at the CCS staffroom opened at 6.10pm**

### **Present**

B. Baker, R. McDonald, P. Gilder, S. Edwards, B. Cox, G. Frangos, W. Hughes, S. Staniforth

### **Apologies**

K. Cook, L. Miller, M. Wesley

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November were read and acknowledged as true and correct.

**Moved:** R. McDonald **Seconded:** G. Frangos

### **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

S. Edwards to check school has paid \$100 donation to CCS student for state debating

**Moved:** P. Gilder **Seconded:** R. McDonald

### **Correspondence In**

P&C newsletters

Thank you letter from CCS for presentation night donation

Fundraising catalogues

**Moved:** P. Gilder **Seconded:** B. Cox

### **Correspondence Out**

Nil

**Moved:** P. Gilder **Seconded:** R. McDonald

### **Reports**

#### **Principals Report**

- Looking at all school payments to be paid online with internet banking
- Trade training Centre: Project Manager is planning to speak to the community soon to give information, show plans to allow the community the opportunity to have their say.
- Two 3D printers and 3D scanners have arrived at the school.
- CCS has applied for grants totalling in approximately \$2750 for war memorial and fountain in aid of 150 year commemoration
- Mr Frangos spoke of the overwhelming support for the Coolah community due to the recent fires
- Scone High school raised equivalent to \$80,000 cash in kind
- Singleton High school SRC are offering \$400 scholarships to affected students in Coolah and Dunedoo
- Buddhist monastery at Dungog are offering help

- CCS is making up toiletry packs to donate and deliver to homes
- Counsellors, Chaplain, Red Cross, Psychologists have been here discussing welfare of affected community members and are on standby to help now and in the future
- Importance for parents to let the school know if they need any help for their children or themselves
- Possibility for Primary Industry students to help with farm labour once this is coordinated

### **Treasurer's Report**

Written letter from L. Miller

- Bank Balance is \$8830.77 @31/1/17
- Reserve account is \$17846.97 @31/1/17
- Interest Nov, Dec, and Jan \$30.85
- Payments IGA milk \$128.54
- CCS \$50 presentation night
- P. Gilder reimburse \$703.80

Cassilis Rodeo took \$1965.20, made approx. \$950

**Moved:** B. Baker **Seconded:** B. Cox

### **General Business**

S. Staniforth spoke about not holding the Autumn Fair this year instead to fundraise with a colour run after CCS Cross Country 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Moved:** P. Gilder **Seconded:** B. Baker

### **Campdraft 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- P&C to have coffee machine Sat/Sun from daylight until afternoon
- Letters of sponsorship page. P. Gilder to follow up
- Question asked to Mr Frangos whether P&C is allowed to set up their own facebook page? Answered Yes.
- AGM March 21<sup>st</sup> –L. Miller to send financials to Rindflesh and Conti Services
- Reminder Hartwood 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> April
- W. Hughes spoke of the Studies School Programme which is being introduced to High school students, starting with Year 11&12 students, where each student will have an individual learning plan
- Road Safety Day, next Tuesday
- Coffee Trailer to be serviced again next week.

**Meeting Closed:** at 6.49pm





- Year 7**
- ♦ English—homework and spelling,: Weekly
  - ♦ English—Read Holes
  - ♦ History Homework
- Year 8**
- ♦ Novel Study Research Task Due Tuesday
  - ♦ History—complete any missed work in booklet—Ongoing
- Year 9**
- ♦ English—Spelling Weekly
  - ♦ History—complete any missed work in booklet—Ongoing
  - ♦ Ag—Questions recorded in books—Weekly
  - ♦ Ag—We will have a guest speaker on Monday March 20.
- Year 10**
- ♦ Geography—All maps completed
  - ♦ English—Read Novel
  - ♦ Ag—Questions recorded in books—Weekly
  - ♦ Ag—We will have a guest speaker on Monday March 20.
- Year 12**
- ♦ Advanced English—Presentation and Refection : Week 7
  - ♦ Ancient History– Augustus notes & Past Paper

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



**Coolah Tennis Club  
Come Along and Play**

## **Tennis**

Wednesday—Night—7pm

*'See You Wednesday'*

**Sausage Sizzle  
Available**

**Gold Coin  
Donation**

## **Coolah Junior Sports Club**

will be holding a registration  
afternoon at Bowen Oval

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
from 3.30pm**

with a casual training run.

Registration cost for this year -

**\$70 per child.**


Any enquiries, please contact  
Danny Miller 0427771012

**POSTPONED**

**Town Meeting  
Re - Sir Ivan Fire**

**will now be held on  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
March at CCS Hall**





**Creative Minds** is a fun and free program for adults in the library

Sessions promise to be:

- Stimulating**
- Informative**
- Entertaining and Social**

Third Tuesday of every month  
11.30am FREE  
Coolah Branch  
Macquarie Regional Library  
Contact: 6377 1910

**CREATE**

- Experiment with mosaics
- Re-purpose old books
- Create a Zentangle
- Listen to guest speakers
- Discover eco-printing
- Workout with brain training exercises
- Explore art mediums and techniques
- Relax with a jigsaw puzzle
- Play a board game
- Try a little decoupage
- Create your own activity

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## MUDGEJEE JUNIOR HOCKEY

**Start Date:** Friday 24th March 2017

**Times:** Fridays from 4-4.45pm (3-5 years),

4-5.30pm (6-12 years) and 5.30-6.30pm (High School age)

**Venue:** Mudgee Tennis Courts (similar playing surface to synthetic hockey turf)

**Cost:** \$50 first child in family, \$40 second child, \$30 third child, 4th and subsequent children free

### Online Registrations:

[www.mudgeedistricthockey.com.au](http://www.mudgeedistricthockey.com.au)

**Equipment:** shinpads and mouthguard compulsory, sticks may be loaned from the club or purchased from [www.justhockey.com.au](http://www.justhockey.com.au)

**More information:** contact Jo and Nico on [mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com)



Coolah Valley Golfers

# Charity Day

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

4 Person Ambrose

(6 Person Ambrose if your team includes 2 or more kids under 12)

Shotgun Start 10am



Adults \$20  
Children \$10  
Family \$50



**Walter+Eliza Hall**

Institute of Medical Research

DISCOVERIES FOR HUMANITY

## Coolah Junior Sports Club Inc



The 2017 Junior Sports competition will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. A draw will be released shortly. We will also be holding a registration afternoon, more details to come in the next couple of weeks, with a time and registration costs.

If any players have any uniforms still floating about at home from last year, please return them as soon as possible to Wes Coe (Football) 0428 750 265 and Sarah Witton (Netball) 0408 322 470 or leave at the Post Office for collection. We are also taking applications for Coaches in Football and Netball for 2017 season, please contact Wes or Sarah or Danny Miller 0427 771 012.



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