



COOLAH CENTRAL SCHOOL'S CATCH-UP

Friday 13th December 2019

Merry Christmas



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&

Happy New Year

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of

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Principal News with Ms Parrotta



Principal's News with Mr Hughes

I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and students for their continued commitment and hard work throughout the term. It's been a very busy and rewarding year for all. I would also like to thank parents/carers and community members, and our incredible P & C for their continued support of the school.

We are unfortunately farewelling some Coolah Central School staff at the end of this year. I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Mr Phil Jones and Mr Lachlan Snell have provided to Coolah Central School during their time at school and wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Kerry Dorman will be teaching music next year and we are currently in the process of employing a new industrial technology teacher.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Deputy Principal News with Ms Parrotta



2019 is quickly coming to a close and what a terrific year it has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students at Coolah Central, parents and carers, and the wider Coolah Community for their support this year. This is a terrific little school and a great community and I feel very lucky to be a part of it.

2020 will resume on Tuesday the 28th January for staff.

Students in Year 1 to Year 7 and in Years 11 and 12 will begin their school year on Wednesday 29th January.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will start on Thursday 30th January.

We will welcome our Kindergarten cohort on Monday the 3rd of February.

Merry Christmas to you all. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you again in 2020.



Intensive Swimming

Wow! What a fantastic 3 weeks of intensive swimming. A huge thank you to all our clever swimmers who have improved so much over the duration of our program. I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who supported our program including our P&C and our flexible staff, parents and students.

A job well done!





Korina White is the recipient of the UNE Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence, 2019. Korina received this award for her consistent application and achievement in Year 12. Korina always works consistently and strives to complete all tasks to the best of her ability. In recognition of all her efforts she has achieved this award which includes a certificate and a \$2000 monetary award for study at UNE.

Congratulations Korina and well done.

Alex Almoukov

November saw us have a visit by Winter Olympian Alex Almoukov, who participates in Biathlons. This means he skis 10km and shoots at 10 targets every couple of kilometres. Alex spoke to the students about the importance of 'having a go' and always trying your best.



Career Development at Coolah Central School

Over the last week the senior students have been working on professional employment skills including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Part of the program included the year nines participating in their first mock panel interview. The students dressed in professional attire, looked for a job using online career search engines like Seek and applied to the interview panel for the different jobs. The Students did an amazing job and our panel of Kathy Rindfleish and Michael Boehm were impressed with the students professionalism. Thank you to Warrumbungle Shire Council for the support towards the professional program delivered at Coolah Central School.



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Donation from Collaroy Plateau Public School

Last Wednesday, Mrs Brodie Byrnes visited our school to kindly donate over \$1700 to our school. The students from her school, Collaroy Plateau Public School, had raised this mammoth amount of money and they wanted to generously donate it to our school so that it could benefit our K-6 students. Mrs Byrnes had told them of the hardships that are currently being faced by their country pals as a result of the crippling drought.

Mrs Byrnes showed all of the K-6 students a slideshow of her school and she told us what her school was like and what the students at her school like to do. Our students also shared stories of their own with Mrs Byrnes and they were able to give her a glimpse of what our lives are like at the moment during the drought.

Mrs Byrnes also delivered a big bag of letters from her students to our students. All of the students were so excited to read their letters and they have been busily writing a letter in reply. Hopefully when our Year 5 and 6 students visit Sydney next year for their annual excursion, they may be able to visit Collaroy Plateau Public school and meet their penpals. Our letter writing will continue from now on as these letters have given us an insight into what life is like for our buddies from the city.

We also received the exciting news that a parent from Mrs Byrnes's school would like to donate a whole crate of tinned fruit. It is so nice to think that there are other people thinking of us in our plight and we are very grateful for the kindness that has been shown.

Mr Bailey was also thrilled to talk to Mrs Byrnes as he actually attended Collaroy Plateau Public School when he first started school. It really is a small world indeed!



Christmas at the Hospital

This year the Hospitality students in year 10 and 12 delivered a 2 course Christmas lunch for the residents at the Coolah Hospital. The students worked on a 2 course meal with all the Christmas trimmings. The residents and staff started with a traditional ham and turkey roast lunch with roast vegetables and matching condiments. Whilst the residents were having lunch the primary music group provided light entertainment where the residents joined in and were singing with the students. The Hospitality students finished by creating a duo dessert of mango mouse with fresh fruits and sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce and ice-cream. Jami our mixologist provided a selections of mocktails for the guests. Thanks should go to all the primary singers, their support crew and the senior school Year 10 and 12 Hospitality Students.



Commercial Cookery Pastry and Baking Masterclass

This term through the support of Warrumbungle Shire Council, the senior Hospitality students were offered a Pastry and Baking Masterclass with international chef Connie, who has worked all over the world in many famous establishments including Michelin Star Restaurant. The students worked over 2 days on different baking techniques finishing with a 3 level cake and a selection of eclairs. Congratulations to all the students for their creative work.



Year 6 Transition

Wednesday 27th November and Wednesday 4th December saw chirpy Year 6 students arrive in the CCS secondary quadrangle to find out all about High School. Year 6 students and parents met with the Principal, Deputy Principal and Year Advisors for a chat about year 7 and the expectations of the students and parents in this upcoming transition. Students participated in a variety of High School classes to prepare them for the next phase of their education.



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Happy New School Year!



Term 1 - 2020

Student Start Dates

January 2020

Monday 27th - Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 28th - Staff Return (No students)

Wednesday 29th - Students Years 1 - 7, 11 & 12

Wednesday 29th - Kindergarten Best Start Begins

Thursday 30th - Students Years 8 - 10

February 2020

Monday 3rd - Kindergarten



Thankyou to all parents, staff and community members who have once again committed to supporting our Annual Presentation Night which will be held next Monday evening, 16th December.

An early congratulations goes to all award recipients.

A BIG thankyou goes to all parents and friends who have helped our school and students in any way throughout the year. Your help has been greatly appreciated!

School reports will be sent home next week. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your class teachers.

