Week 4 Term 1

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What’s Happening at Coleambally Central

Week 4 Term 1
- Monday 18th February: CHS Zone Swimming - Leeton
- Tuesday 19th February
- Wednesday 20th February
- Thursday 21st February: Lions Youth of The Year
- Friday 22nd February: Primary Assembly 2.30p.m.

Week 5 Term 1
- Monday 25th February: Cricket Gala Day
  - Year 10 Meeting
- Tuesday 26th February: Year Meetings – 7 & 11
- Wednesday 27th February: Year 7 Scripture
- Thursday 28th February: Year 8 Meeting
- Friday 1st March: PSSA Zone Swimming
  - Year Meetings – 9 & 12
  - Primary Assembly 2.30p.m.

Argoon Cottage - 1964

Zone Swimming Carnival
Well done to those students who participated in yesterday’s CHS zone swimming carnival at Leeton and good luck to the Primary students who will be participating in their zone carnival at Griffith next week.

The Digital Education Revolution – Year 9
Parents of students in Year 9 will shortly receive a letter inviting them to an information session to be held with regard to the new laptops. The information session will be held on Monday 4th March, 2013 in the Coleambally Central School Library. The meeting will commence at 6.30p.m.

Lions Youth of the Year
This Thursday night a number of senior students will participate in the local round of the Lions Club Youth of the Year competition. I’m sure you all join me in wishing Billy Robb, Tamara Brain, Alex Lawrence and Olivia Lawrence all the best for the night.

Celebration of 50 years of Education in Coleambally
How times have changed. The picture at the top of the newsletter is one taken by Les Morton and shows the school as it used to be. The school was originally located on the corner of Channel 9 Road and Pine Drive.
Don’t forget to keep the 20th and 21st of April free to celebrate 50 years of public education in the Coleambally area.

Registration forms can be found in numerous locations in the Coleambally community or online at http://www.coleamball-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/50-years-celebration

Enjoy the week,
John McFadyen
Deputy Principal Messages

Congratulations Secondary SRC members

During Secondary Year meeting last week, students were given the opportunity to nominate for SRC. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected:

Year 7: Seth Jackson and Jesika Lafsky
Year 8: Darcy Mader and Laura Hogan
Year 9: Pat Bowditch and Eliza Bellato
Year 10: Dylan John and Chloe Lafsky
Year 11: Mickayla Long and Jacob Jeffery

Our school captains and vice captains, Tamara, Billy, Olivia and Alex will also be part of the secondary SRC for 2013. Primary SRC elections are being held this week, and we will have details of the successful students in next week’s newsletter.

Call for dancers

Last week students from Years 3 to 9 were offered the chance to try out for our dance group that hope to perform in KROP later in the year. Some students will also be selected to try out for the Riverina Dance Festival. Any students who have not yet put their name down will need to see me immediately. We will be announcing the names of those in both the KROP and Riverina Dance Festival groups in the next few days.

Here’s a reminder of the fun the group had last year, in one of their final practices before the performances in Griffith.

More swimming

A number of students followed up their swimming carnival performances, with further 100 metre events last week. Josh Fattore broke the 1984, 14 year boys record by 6 seconds. Tessa Evans had another successful swim breaking the 1992 13 years girls’ record by a second. Well done to both of these students.

Congratulations also to our secondary students who attended the Combined High Schools (CHS) Zone Swimming Carnival yesterday.

Stage 6 – halfway through the first half

Our Stage 6 students are now over halfway through their Preliminary courses. All subjects are well into assessment, with a number of tasks having already been completed, or due to be done very soon. Students and parents can keep track of upcoming tasks via the assessment booklet handed out by Mr McFadyen recently. It is important to stay on top of the work set so that tasks can be done well.

Noel Maddern
Deputy Principal

Primary News

Assembly Awards

Kinder
Oscar Bellato Wonderful handwriting
Pia Fattore Settling in beautifully to kindergarten
Cooper Payne Fantastic story writing

Year 1/2
Aldrin Rivera Excellence in behaviour
Mackenzie Smith Excellence in all written work
Sam Strachan Huge effort in all areas
Brody Roberts Excellent work in literacy

Year 3/4
Harley Diggs Sensible work in class
Carissa Bellato A positive approach to all work

Year 5/6
Jonah Foster Responsibility award
Jessica Bellato Fabulous behaviour
Josie Moore Arts and craft award

Secondary News

Homework

Textiles 9/10
Fibre study Assessment task due Thursday 7th March, week 6.

Year 9/10 PASS
Assessment Task

Stage 6 SLR
Assessment Task
First Aid Topic Test week 5, Thursday 28th February 2013, Period 4.

Practical Lessons for PDHPE
This is a reminder that Secondary students’ practical lessons are as follows:
Year 7= Cycle 1, Thursday, Period 2. As well as Cycle 2, Thursday Period 1
8F= Cycle 1, Friday, Period 1. As well as Cycle 2, Tuesday, Period 3
8M= Cycle 1, Thursday, Period 1. As well as Cycle 2, Tuesday, Period 1
9F= Cycle 2, Monday, Period 2.
9M= Cycle 2, Thursday, Period 1.
10PDHPE= Cycle 1, Monday, Period 1.

For Stage 5 PASS and Stage 6 SLR, Practical classes will vary according to the content. However, students will be given sufficient time to be able to organise their PE clothes. All Students must have the correct PE clothes. If they are not able to, a note from home and an alternate change of clothes is the next option. NO NOTE MEANS DETENTION.

Thanks
Josh Wakem
PDHPE Teacher

History
Year 8 History (both classes) Medieval assessment task due Thursday 17/3/2013 (Week 7)
Annette Robertson and Tom Hawkesworth

Science
Year 8 class presentations due Tuesday 26th February
Year 9 class presentation due Wednesday 27th February
Maths News
In previous years at Coleambally Central School we have provided an open classroom after school for Secondary students struggling with Maths. This opportunity will again be available to our students.
Room 10 (our maths Classroom ) will be open on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm until 4.45pm for any student who wishes to come along and get some extra help with their Maths. It is primarily available for students from year 6- year 12.
Please call Jane Strachan on 6954 4131 if you have any questions.

Amnesty on Text Books
Yet again we are calling for parents and students to look out for any old textbooks that they may have lying around their house and return them to school. This helps us to provide future students with these useful resources.

NRL Tackles Bullying
On Monday 4th February we were lucky enough to have Shaun Corrigan and Rhys Wesser from South Sydney. And Dean Whymark representing the NRL come to Coleambally Central School and speak to a year 1-12 assembly as part of the NRL Country carnivals tour. They spoke about a new initiative of the NRL called “NRL Tackles Bullying”. This was an interesting assembly with the gentlemen discussing how they got to where they are today.
Bullying, and the different roles were also discussed and a short video was shown on how we beat bullying by encouraging the bystander to speak out for the victims. It was shown how it can be done anonymously by just leaving a note for a teacher.
We thank these men for their time and effort in coming to Coleambally and promoting such a positive message.

Jane Strachan

Agriculture Teachers Conference
From the 20th to the 24th of January I attended the Ag teachers “Practical Solutions” conference in Tocal. This conference was very beneficial as it gave me some new teaching ideas and most importantly networking with other Ag teachers from all over the state. Some of the highlights were:
The Barramundi farm at Nelsons Bay where they raise Barramundi for 11 months then sell them live to Sydney markets, the waste products from this farming goes into growing lettuces hydroponically

- Native Bees, which don’t sting, great for schools;
- judging of vegetables and wool;
- fencing;
- composting ;
- New technologies such as weed seeker and Yamaha Aeroplane.
- We also visited Tomaree High School. This school offered aqua culture, forestry and sheep as their main enterprises. It was great seeing what resources and enterprises other schools run. Overall I had a great time learning and networking.
Bush Tucker Garden
Over the last couple of years I have been working on and planning a small bush tucker garden. I was very excited to find a number of plants I have wanted for a long time now available at Bunnings in Griffith. The garden is now semi completed. There will be a few more plants added and some more metal sculptures added later on this year to complete the garden. This garden will benefit many KLA’s such as Agriculture, Food Tech, and Technology (mandatory). I hope the garden will be beneficial to other classes as a teaching and learning tool. I am currently working on a PowerPoint presentation for the office foyer and an information booklet for staff about what plants are in the garden and their uses. I strongly urge students NOT to eat from the garden, as not all parts of plants are edible nor are the berries.
Currently the plants in the garden are:
- Ruby Saltbush
- Davidsons plum
- Rosella Hibiscus
- Mat Rush
- Finger Limes
- Lemon Myrtle
- Satinash Berries
- Native Lilly Flax
- Pig Face

Thank you to the technology (mandatory) and Agricultural classes who have been a wonderful help developing this garden. Thanks to Mr Johnson for making the emu a couple of years ago and helping water this garden so it can become established.

School Farm update
FOR SALE – 2 White Dorper Stud Rams. Please ring the school and ask for Georgie Price for more information.

Currently Stage 6 Ag is conducting trials on Cotton and Tomatoes in the Shade house.

9/10 Ag have been completing their first assessment task on basic tractor operations. Thanks to Mr Johnson for setting up the driving course! Luke and Matt pictured below.

This year I am aiming to re fence some if not all of the farm area with new fences and gates, so the farm is safer and more operational. I am also aiming to apply for grants to irrigate the paddocks so it is more efficient, and crops can grow
more successfully! If you have any information on grants that you think I could apply please email me on georgina.bolam1@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to Mr Hayes from MIA Rural who organised the Forage Sorghum seed the schools sheep have been happily eating. Hopefully next summer we will have a better watering system in place to ensure the whole paddock is successful!

Landcare
Mrs Tooth and I have been discussing Landcare for 2013. If you are a secondary student and would like to participate in Landcare during lunchtime on Fridays please come and see me.

We are currently looking for donations of straw for the schools gardens. Please contact Mrs Tooth or myself if you can help out.

Georgie Price
Agriculture Teacher

Canteen News
Summer special: Ice-cream sundaes with sprinkles (no nuts)
Large $2.00 or small $1.00. Jelly cups large 60c small 40c mini 20c.
Lolly day Tuesday 26th February.
Friday 22nd February Penny Young
Monday 25th February Denise Kelly

Community Announcements

Expressions of Interest
Organisations who wish to participate in this season’s Winter Crop at the Demo Farm please put in writing your expression of interest nominating what you can contribute and send to PO Box 99 Coleambally or email Ian Sutherland at farm212suv@bigpond.com.au. Applications close 8th March 2013.

CRYC River Camp 2013
River Camp is on again for anyone in high school.
Friday 7pm 1st March till Sunday 2.30pm 3rd March at Kooba Darlington Point.
It is a weekend of camping and lots of great land and water activities mixing with lots of kids from the Riverina.
It costs $45 - $50 for the weekend.
Rego forms are available at CCS Office or contact Austin on 0427 277906 for more details.

Kids Camp Out
Kids Camp Out is on again in Narrandera 2013.
It is a weekend camping experience run by combined Riverina churches for children in primary school year three to six.
Saturday 23rd March 11am til Sunday 24th March 1pm.

The theme is Lost in Space and it is a great weekend of camping and fun with around 200 other Riverina kids.
So come along and join the Coleambally / Darlington Point group.
For information and registration forms contact Austin Evans on 0427 277906.

Women’s Health Clinic
A women’s health clinic will be offered at the Coleambally Community Health Centre. This will be a free service and the available dates are 5th March and 16th April. This service is confidential and covers all women’s health issue. Please call Loretta Macauley on 69669900 or Intake 1300 268 040 to make an appointment.

South West Juniors
Registration and BBQ for South West Juniors Aussie Rules Under 11’s, 13’s and 15’s and Netball Under 11’s, 13’s and 15’s will take place at the No 1 Oval Stadium on Friday 22nd February commencing at 5.30pm. All new and current players are welcome to attend.

Net-Set-Go and Auskick
Registration and Training for Auskick and Net-Set-Go will commence Friday 3rd May starting at 5pm at the No 1 Oval and Netball Courts.

Senior Netball Farrer League
Training and registration for Senior Netball A, B, C Grades will commence the 21st Feb, 6.30pm at the Coleambally Netball Courts.
Anyone that is interested in coaching senior or junior netball for the 2013 season please call Charmaine Buchanan on 0428944022.

Wanted
Blood Plums. Call Denise on 6954 6731 or 0488 275 135.

Fete
St Peters Primary School will be holding their annual Fete on Sunday, March 3rd at 11am in the school grounds. Come along and purchase fresh produce and cakes, enjoy a delicious morning tea or lunch, and take a punt on the chocolate wheel to win a great prize. See you all there!

Swimming Club News
Coleambally Swimming Club would like to advise its members of the following dates:
22nd March – Last swim meet for the season
28th March – Presentation Night
Members are encouraged to continue swimming each week as there is only 5 swim meets left for you to set your new personal bests for this season. Races start at 5:30pm Friday nights.