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First school building in town March 1965

Off to State

Congratulations to Charlotte Young and Chantal Knight who last week qualified for the PSSA Swimming Carnival to be held in Sydney at the beginning of April. Charlotte is the fastest 8 year old over 50 metres in the Riverina, whilst Chantal is the second fastest 13 year. We wish both girls the best in Sydney.

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Week 7 Term 1

Monday 11th March
Riverina CHS Swimming
Year 10 Meeting

Tuesday 12th March
Year Meetings – 7 & 11

Wednesday 13th March
Year 7 & 9 Injections
Year 8 Meeting
Landcare
Year Meetings – 9 & 12
Primary Assembly 2.30p.m.

Week 8 Term 1

Monday 18th March
Tuesday 19th March
Wednesday 20th March
Thursday 21st March
Friday 22nd March
Stage 6 Art Express VC
Landcare
Primary Assembly 2.30p.m.
**Working Bee**
A working bee will be held this Sunday morning from 9 to 12 noon. If you can spare an hour or so on the day to get our gardens in order please come along.

**ESSA**
The school has recently received the results from the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) that Year 8 students undertook late last term (2012). The results have been mailed to parents. If you have any questions about the ESSA results, please contact the Science department at the school.

**Great Teaching, Inspired Learning**
**A blueprint for Action**
Last week the Premier, Barry O’Farrell, and the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, released *Great Teaching, Inspired Learning – A blueprint for action.*

This blueprint is a result of extensive consultation and research following the release last year of the *Great Teaching, Inspired Learning* discussion paper.

It is a systematic and integrated reform plan to lift the quality of teaching right across the life cycle of a teacher’s career.

I encourage you to read the blueprint, the consultation report, the research paper and other information all available at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/greatteaching](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/greatteaching).

*Enjoy the week,*
*John McFadyen*  

**School Attendance – It’s not OK to stay away**
The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is too great to bear for some parents. Too many students miss school through parent-condoned absences. Every day a student is away they are missing a learning experience.

If a child misses school for around 1 day a week, by the end of the year they will have missed almost 1 whole term of school.

What is a Justified Absence from school?
- For an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (best made for after school or in school holidays)
- To attend a recognised religious holiday
- To attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance
- While sick or with an infectious disease

If you require support to get your child to attend school or for any other reason please contact the school.

We can all work together to make a difference to your students future! Be on Time, Be at School, That’s the Rule!

**iPod Reward**
Sadly a black iPod Touch was lost at school early last week. If you have found an iPod, or know anything about its disappearance, please notify the front office. The mother of the student who owns the iPod is also willing to offer a reward – so there is extra incentive to see if we can find it and have it returned.

The missing iPod is a timely reminder that students need to understand the risk they are taking if they choose to bring expensive equipment to school. Students are fully responsible for their own equipment.

**Primary chess heats up**
Over the last few weeks our Primary Chess Competition has been running well at Thursday lunch times. Thirteen students are participating in the main competition, with a number of others coming along to learn how to play. Mark and Micah are leading the tournament so far, both with a perfect score and Bryce isn’t far behind having lost only one match to Micah. From this tournament students will be selected for the teams for the Griffith 4-player competition to be held during Term 2. The top two players will also have the opportunity to try out for the Secondary Chess Team, who start their 2013 campaign against Marion College in the coming weeks.

**Go Charlotte and Chantal**
On Friday last week a number of our primary swimmers attended the Riverina PSSA swimming carnival. Congratulations to all swimmers who did so well to make it to this level! A special mention goes to Charlotte who won her event, 50m freestyle, and Chantal who achieved 2nd place in 50m freestyle and will now be off to Sydney to compete at State level.

*Noel Maddern*  
*Deputy Principal*
Primary News
Speech and Language Program at Coleambally Central Primary
During Term 1 and Term 2 CCS Primary is being assisted by The Spice Project, a joint program between NSW Dept. of School Education, NSW Health and Charles Sturt University to assess and provide support for students K-6 in speech and language skills.
There are three planned visits to our school during first term. On February 27th we were assisted to screen students by Helen Berndt-O’Connell (NSW Dept of School Education) and on subsequent visits, in March and April, we will be provided with tailored speech programs and speech therapist support to deliver these programs as an ongoing part of our Talking and Listening curriculum. Individual students will not necessarily be supported individually but programs will be written to meet needs of specific groups of students within the whole class.
We are very fortunate to be included in the Spice Project in 2013 and staff look forward to further training in this area.
J Rogerson
Assistant Principal

Secondary News
SRC
At our SRC meeting which was held Thursday 7th March, we discussed things we could do to fundraise for some of the various foundations our school supports. During this year we are hoping to have a pyjama day, footy colours day and a character day to support things like Stewart house and cancer research. We are hoping to have a Character day towards the end of this term, so keep your eyes open for some fun days this year.

Mikayla Long and Chloe Lafsky
Publicity officers

Whole School News
Swimming champions for 2013

Abbey, Jonah, Sally, Bryce, Phoebe, Tom, Hugh, Georgie, Molly, Claire, Emma, Josh, Harry and Angela

Canteen News
Friday 15th March Kerrie Connor
Monday 18th March Sandy Gitsham

School Magazine
The 2012 school magazine is available for purchase for $10 at the school office.

Community Announcements
Kids Three Day School Holidays Tennis Coaching Clinic
When: Tues 16th, Wed 17th & Thurs 18th April 2013
Where: Coleambally Tennis Courts
Who: Tennis Coach Jeremy Quast
Little kids net monsters Ages 3-5 years 9.30am – 10am
Older kids 5 years & up 10am – 1pm
How Much: Net monsters $5/day
Older kids’ $20/day
More info & to register before 12th April 2013
Ph. Demi on 6954 4256.

Junior Tennis Tournament
The tournament that was postponed from January will now be held on
Friday 19th April 2013
9am at the Coly tennis courts.
Anyone school aged is welcome to register.
Prizes for division champions.
Now is the time to put all that coaching to good use!!
Please register competitors with Demi on 6954 4256 by Friday 12th April 2013.

South West Juniors Aussie Rules Training
Training has commenced for the South West Junior Aussie Rules Under 11’s, Under 13’s and Under 15’s but it is not too late for Boys and Girls to join in and register. It is a great way for your children to meet new friends, have fun and get fit.
It is only a 14 game season and half the games are played at Coleambally and the remaining games are played at Griffith twice, Leeton, Narrandera, Ganmain, Temora and Ardlethan.
If your child is not sure if they want to play they can always come to training and see if they like it prior to registering. Or if your child can not commit to a full season or parents cannot take them to away games arrangement can be made.
Training is at the Coleambally No 1 Oval Thursdays for Under 15’s at 5pm and Under 11’s and Under 13’s are Fridays at 5pm. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Shane Mannes 0409 546 738 or Kate Jones 0448 544 716.

Morundah Opera
Die Fledermaus Composed by Johann Strauss
This performance is for one night only on Saturday 30th March and this production will not be performed anywhere else in the Riverina, so book early to avoid disappointment.
Tickets are $75 for A Reserve and $55 for B Reserve. Ticket price includes a light supper at the interval. Dress is black tie and the evening begins at 7.30.
Coffee, cake and other alcoholic beverages will be available for sale on the evening. A bus will be running from Narrandera and bookings for this service can be made by ringing the Morundah hotel.
For information contact Morundah hotel on 0269 597 414
In week 6 we made elephants! We used paper, pencils and textas. We used oil pastels to colour in our elephants.

We visited the library in week 6. Mrs Mansel read us some stories and then we got to borrow books.

We have started to learn our alphabet. We have learnt letters A-E.

In week 6 on the 6th March for art we made paper dogs and paper puppies. All of the puppies were different colours.

We did fitness this week. We played duck duck goose and tee-peas and Indians. We did this with kindergarten and year two.

On Monday we did our spelling. We learnt lots of new words. On Friday we have our spelling test.

Our maths this week involved colouring a picture of a bird. It was lots of fun!

For art we did water colour painting. It was a beach with a mountain. It also had crystal clear water.

Welcome to the first edition of *The Coly Column*!

*The Coly Column* is the exciting new corner of the newsletter where the school community can keep up to date with all the primary news.

Each week *The Coly Column* will be written by the primary SRC students and explore exciting primary news, what’s happening in the primary classrooms and introduce two primary students.

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This week Hannah Pound was caught being RESPECTFUL!

This week Nicholas Fattore was caught being RESPONSIBLE!
This week year 4 learnt about fractions. We learnt how to simplify fractions.

In science we made slime. It felt hard and gooey. We also started to design our own type of cereal.

For fitness we did Just Dance on the smart board. Our favourite dance was Moves Like Jagger.

This week it was Mrs O’s and Bryce’s birthdays on the 7th March. Happy Birthday!

We had Mrs Kook for writing, handwriting, maths and art. For art we drew flowers in a vase and a bowl of fruit with oil pastels.

We used books to research famous Australians in library.

**Coly Column**

Name: Aldrin Rivera
Age: 7  Class: 2
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Cereal
Favourite Subject: Maths
When I grow I want to be a: Engineer

Name: Elle Badard
Age: 5  Class: Kindy
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Watermelon
Favourite Subject: Playdough
When I grow I want to be a: Firefighter

**Work of the Week**

Year 1 proudly showing off the puppies they made this week!

This week Mackenzie Smith was caught being SAFE!