Principal’s Report

Higher School Certificate students will sit examinations in Modern History, Mathematics Extension, Business Studies and Industrial Technology this week. Examinations, for our students, will conclude at the end of next week. Students nervously awaiting news of their performance will be able to access their HSC results when they are released at 6am on Wednesday, 16 December 2015. These results will also be accessible via the secure Students Online accounts.

Transition programs

Our 2016 Transition Programs continue to be exceptionally well received by our newest young enrolments and the soon to be high school students who have made very good impressions on their respective teachers over the last few weeks. Our Kindergarten transition program continues until 10th November to ensure that these new students are very familiar with all that happens at Coleambally Central School. I would like to thank the primary students for their outstanding support of our littlest people especially when in the playground. The secondary Transition Program concludes this Friday and we look forward to the start of 2016 when these students are permanent members of the secondary school. Year 6 students are reminded that they must continue to work hard in class to ensure that they finish primary school on a high note.

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh students returned safely back from Tumbarumba last Tuesday evening after an outstanding skill building experience over three days. Sincere thanks goes to Mrs. Strachan and the generous parents who assisted with this inspiring program. Participating students have benefitted enormously from this initiative which would not be possible without the organisation and guidance provided from staff and parents.
Year 7-10 Yearly Examinations
Year 7-10 Examinations will commence next Monday 2nd November (Week 5) for our Stage 4 and 5 students. Examinations will be undertaken across all key learning areas during the examination period. An examination timetable will be distributed to students this week to allow for a more focused preparation time. These examinations provide a structured opportunity for students to gain an understanding of formalised testing procedures in preparation for the Higher School Certificate testing period in the future. Students are reminded that preparation is a crucial element to success and should ensure the best end of year results possible. Revision of learning is essential to understanding course content and being able to adapt one’s knowledge to expertly answer examination questions.

Secondary Year Advisors
In order to best meet the wellbeing needs of our students, Year Advisors have been appointed to each stage in the secondary which ensures more access to our student leaders. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Kartia Taylor, Stage 4 Advisor, Ms. Rebecca Simpson and Mr. Brett Burton, who will oversee Stage 5, and Mrs. Jackie Young who will continue her leadership of our most senior group, Stage 6. A Wellbeing Program, tailored to the needs of our students in this school context, will be delivered in 2016. More information on this vital school initiative will be available before the program commences.

Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews Monday 23rd November
Parents and students are reminded that a Secondary Parent/Teacher Interview evening is scheduled for Monday 23rd November from 3.45pm-6.00pm to discuss any concerns regarding your child’s learning. This evening is also a great opportunity to meet new class teachers for 2016. An appointment booking sheet will be given to students closer to the date.

PBL Winners Week 4
Last Wednesday students from K-10 were treated to a sausage sizzle to show our appreciation for their adherence to our PBL values. This week’s PBL winners were Layla Filmer and Tayla DeMamiel who each received a $20.00 iTunes voucher and Elle Bedard and Elizabeth Lamont receiving a $10.00 Canteen voucher. Congratulations to all our students for being responsible, safe and respectful.

I would like to apologise for the newsletter being distributed so late in the week, due to technical errors we have not been able to print it any earlier.

Meagan Crelley
Principal

Primary News
Assembly awards

Year 1
Lisa Strachan  Super perseverance when completing TEN activities
Yasmin Inggs  100% effort in all areas of learning
Tayla DeMamiel  Trying hard to include more detail and descriptive language in her writing

Year 2
Archie Boag  Displaying a high level of skill at the basketball clinic
Elle Bedard  Improving her reading skills and fluency in oral reading
Izabella Cooney  Improved application to her learning

Year 3
Sam Strachan  For always being a positive class member and helping others in need
Mia Jones  Fantastic presentation on Mrs. Mackies wedding and Thailand
Hayden Whipps  Demonstrating great kicking skills during fitness games

Year 4
Georgie Tooth  For a wonderful attitude and application towards Math’s
Darby Evans  Continuing to apply himself in all areas of learning
Michalla Bright  Impressive improvement in skill application during fitness and sport

Secondary News

Duke of Ed Report
On Sunday, 18th of October, 21 students from Years 8-10 set off on the Duke of Ed trek in Tumbarumba. It was a chilly start to the day as we left from the school. Fortunately we had a breakfast stop at McDonald’s which gave us a bit of energy for the kilometres of hiking we were about to endure. The destination was reached just before lunch, and we were dropped off at our starting point then we began the journey. It was a 12 km hike to Henry Angel camping site, the place where we were camping for the first night. During the hike we had a surprising encounter with a snake which made us become a lot more aware of where we were walking! We got to the site around 4pm and decided to settle for the night. On the second day, we started our 17 km uphill. This is where the blood, sweat and tears came into play. The Big Hill trek proved to be exhausting and quite difficult but it
showed us how independent and head-strong we could be if we put our minds and bodies to it. Mrs Strachan told us that this was one of the hardest hikes and she wasn’t wrong! Most people on the journey were given sore shoulders and aching legs but it was definitely worth it in the end. Especially when we were finishing the last couple of kilometres for the day, it was great seeing the views and camping at Mannus Lake. This was a massive highlight of the trip.

The last day was 8kms, yet it seemed like it took forever, especially when we were walking on the road into Tumbarumba. It felt amazing when we finally arrived at our ending destination and we were rewarded with fruit, biscuits and cordial. It was a bit sad when we left Tumbarumba but we felt excited to get home and have a hot shower and see our families. It was definitely a quiet drive on the way home.

Overall, the experience was amazing and worth the pain. Hopefully the next hike will be just as good as this one!

Angela Rainbird and Jacinda Cadorin

Whole School News

School Magazine Cover Competition
The 2015 edition of the Tower and Wheel school magazine Volume 38 is currently under production. We are holding a competition for the cover image.

Your entry needs to include the following:

- ‘Tower and Wheel’
- Volume 38
- ‘2015 edition’
- Coleambally Central School
- A drawing or image

Every entry will receive a prize and the winner will receive a cash prize. Please submit your entries to the front office by Friday 13th November.

Community Announcements

St Peters School Fete
Friday 30th October at 5pm.

Plenty to do from jumping castle, laser tag, sumo wrestling, show bags, chocolate wheel, white elephant stall, pesca and plenty to eat and drink.

Lots to do for whole family. Come on down and have a look.

Coleambally Junior & Milo Cricket
Coleambally junior cricket registration and first game is on 31st October 8.45am at No 3 Oval for school age children Year 3 to Year 7 (capable of bowling full length pitch). Registration & insurance will be $65 to be paid on the day.

For further information please contact Nathan Jones on 0427 334 010.

Milo In2Cricket program for younger children will also commence on Saturday 31st October commencing at 9 am.

New players who wish to join the “Have a Go” program for ages 5 to 7, or returning players ages 8 to 10 in the “Have a Game” program, now must all register via online if they...
wish to receive a cricket pack. Cost of registration will be $65. Register at www.playcricket.com.au and enter our postcode on the prompt “Where can I play?”. Follow the next and register prompts for the Coleambally – Darlington Point Junior Cricket Association. If you have any problems registering please contact Maree Rainbird on 0427 548 556. Packs will be delivered to Maree and will be handed out to all players when received.

Family Halloween Disco
Saturday 31st October at Yamma Hall, Gilbert Rd Coly
All welcome, BBQ and kids drinks provided.
From 5pm with the BBQ starting around 6-6.30pm
Just bring the esky for Mum & Dad!
Any info call Rebecca on 0455 269 294

Coleambally Swimming Club
Information, Registration and First Swim Meet will be on Friday 6th November at 5pm at Coly Pool.
All swimmers are to be registered online with NSW Swimming before your child can swim. 59 dollars is to be paid to NSW Swimming, existing swimmers will get an email to register and new swimmers can register by going to www.nswswimming.org.au and follow prompts.
$6 per swimmer will be paid to Coleambally Swimming Club. For any enquiries please ring Megan Schliebs on 0427 548 547. Please look out for our new Facebook page and like to keep up to date with happenings with the swimming club

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.
Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.
A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Coleambally Australia Day 2016
If you would like to be involved in the organisation of the Coleambally 2016 Australia Day, please come along to our first Committee meeting on Wednesday, 28th October, at 5.15pm at the meeting room at Coleambally office of Murrumbidgee Shire Council.
For further details - please contact Penny Sheppard on 69549157 or ppshep@bigpond.com

Bendigo Bank School Banking
Don’t forget Coleambally Community Bank is once again doing school banking. The Bendigo Staff will pick up the students banking every Wednesday at 11am from the school office and return the bank books to school once the transaction has been completed. Every time a student sends in school banking they will go into the monthly draw to win a football or netball. If your child does not currently have a Bendigo Bank account don’t hesitate to drop into the Coleambally Community Bank and speak to one of our friendly staff to open an account. If you have any questions regarding school banking please don’t hesitate to contact the bank on 6954 4192.

Melbourne Cup 2015
Join us on Tuesday 3rd November at the Coleambally Community Club for the Melbourne Cup from 12.30pm. Finger food and a glass of bubbly upon arrival. $5, $2 and $1 sweeps, Lucky door prizes and raffles plus bonus surprise draws throughout the afternoon. $15 per person.