Secondary rollover 2016

Secondary students commenced the 2016 school year this week. The rollover provides an excellent platform for students to commence the New Year with a renewed focus on their learning. Students are encouraged to reflect on their past school performance and make necessary adjustments to their application to ensure they are committing to their studies wholeheartedly.

Year 12 Farewell

We say goodbye to our Year 12 students on Thursday 12th November at the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, a celebration of the end of thirteen years of schooling. These young men and women have been an enormous asset to our school community and we wish them well for the next chapter of their lives.

Renewed D.E.A.R. focus

Drop Everything and Read has been a secondary initiative operating at the school for a number of years. A survey was undertaken recently to ascertain how students and teachers felt about D.E.A.R. and how successful the initiative was in allowing students the time to successfully engage in reading quietly. The responses from all involved were somewhat mixed, both positive and negative, in regards to the current functioning of D.E.A.R. It has been decided that we will continue to promote D.E.A.R. in our school but strengthen the structure of its operation. Silent reading has enormous benefits for all involved and research has shown that silent reading helps the brain function more effectively, improves vocabulary, increases reading fluency and helps develop a greater understanding of what words mean.

Therefore, students are required to participate actively and positively in our D.E.A.R. program. Students can do this quite easily by bringing suitable reading material to D.E.A.R. every day. Some teachers may allow the use of an electronic device for reading as long as the screen is visible and the material is appropriate. Students are at all times expected to read silently to allow quiet time for all to enjoy their reading time.

Remembrance Day 11th November

We will hold a K–12 Remembrance Day ceremony at school on Wednesday morning just before 11am to commemorate the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have experienced war so that we may continue to enjoy the privileges we have today. Thank you to Mrs White and the SRC who will oversee proceedings.

Welcome to Miss Huckle

A big Coleambally welcome to Miss Kate Huckle, who permanently joins the secondary staff. Miss Huckle, formally from Barraba Central School, is our new PDHPE teacher replacing Mr. Wakem.

Year 5/6 Excursion to Canberra

It’s nearly time! Please ensure that all monies owing are paid to the front office as soon as possible.

PBL Rewards this Week

On Monday iTunes and canteen vouchers were drawn from the rapidly filling PBL box. The winners for this week are: Jack Cullen Year 8, Ella painting year 10, Lizzie Lamont Year 7 and Kearn Morgan-Murray also from Year 7. Congratulations!
A mini iPad was also drawn and Chloe Godwin-Groves from Year 6 was the lucky recipient. What a great way to start the week.

Students are encouraged to consistently demonstrate PBL values at school and are reminded to place their PBL tickets in the small box in the library. This will ensure we get to our end of term target. If the tickets keep mounting up a tabloid sports activity session will be organised before the end of term. Keep up the good work!

Primary Book Packs
Please remember that primary book packs are also available for purchase from the front office at a very reasonable cost of $45.00.

Have a wonderful week.
Meagan Crelley
Principal

Primary News
Assembly awards

Kinder
Gabrielle Perkins  Excellent participation in TEN Math activities
Alex Pound  Enthusiastic participant in all class activities
Louise Rose  Displaying great enthusiasm and persistence during sporting activities

Year 1
Nicolas Pretty  Excellent application in all Math activities
Tayla DeMamiel  Excellent spelling results
Joe Rossato  Creating an amazing Chameleon artwork

Year 2
Ned Harris  Quick and accurate work in Mathematics
Kyle Jackson  Trying hard and improving in Maths and Reading
Hannah Pound  Excellent skills in throwing and catching and sport

Year 3
Nikita Passlow  Being kind to others and trying hard to write neatly in all her workbooks
Ellenor Pretty  Thinking of fantastic and interesting words when writing her acrostic poems

Year 4
Max Rainbird  Continues applied effort to all areas of his learning
Caleb Whipp  A wonderful effort of his drawing Kevin Bacon the Pig
Mackenzie Smith  Taking careful consideration of her drawing of Kevin Bacon the Pig

Year 5/6
Clark Apter  Creativity in using camera angles while filming group iMovie trailers
Sally Evans  Creativity and enthusiasm in iMovie production
Kirsty Conlan  Persevering with division and developing independent problem solving strategies

Secondary News

Music
On Friday 30th October, during their Music lesson, the Year 6 into 7 transition class were treated to a performance from the 9G English class. 9G worked hard with Mrs Jay in their English lessons to compose a rap about CCS for the year 6 students coming into year 7. They then performed it for the new students to highlight how the different subjects are still connected.

Miss Creek and Mrs Jay

Stage 5 Commerce
You all may be interested to know the outcome of our Commerce businesses. Creamy Creations wrapped up operations after just one day of trading. Their share price increased by 40 cents, they returned 90 cent per share back to their shareholders, making it the most successful of the two businesses.

Sweet Spot had three times the costs as Creamy Creations so they needed to trade over two days to make a reasonable profit. After a successful second day of trading they were able to return 75 cents per share to their shareholders. The students have learnt a lot about costs and profit as well as running their own business.

Jackie Young
**Careers**
TAFE Riverina Institute is holding a mandatory information session for those interested in a career as an Enrolled Nurse. It is to be held Tuesday 17th November at 5pm at Griffith campus. Call 1300 823 374 or http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au for further details.

"Experience IT" for a week between Monday 9th - Friday 13th November at TAFE Wagga Wagga campus. Cost $30. Call 1300 823 374 or http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au

Congratulations to Emma Lamont who after attending an interview has been accepted into the University of Wollongong 2016 intake, pending her achieving the required ATAR. Well done Emma for continued perseverance and determination.

*Ema Munro*
Careers Adviser / HSIE teacher

**Stage 5 Agriculture Yanco Agricultural Institute Excursion Friday 30th October**
On Friday 30th October Stage 5 Agriculture class went to the Yanco Agricultural Institute Open Day. After a great lunch of sausage and rissole sandwiches (with the lot) we went to our first activity of the day, the machinery showcase. We viewed a $300,000 harvester, and a state of the art CSIRO Cruise Control Yield Estimating Device.

Our next rotation was a bug sorting adventure. We sorted bugs into many different categories. Some of these included predatory, sucking insects and chewing insects. The next activity was microscope use in the laboratory. We studied insects; we found the live bloodworms very interesting and learnt a lot about rice bugs. They gave us a show bag with a SMART train hat and wristband. We also got a few books on Tocal College and the history of the institute.

Our last activity was the most interesting. We went to the rice information centre. At the rice information centre we learnt about the new breeds of coloured rice that are currently being developed. Some of the colours were purple, red and black.

Thank you to the Yanco Agricultural Institute for allowing us to see the work that they do and their kind staff for this great day. Also thanks to the drivers, Mrs Munro, Mrs Dunbar and Mrs Pretty plus a special thanks to Mrs Pretty for taking Mark, Andrew, Josh and Harry to McDonalds.

*Andrew Evans and Tom Breed*

**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**

**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.

**Coleambally-Darlington Point Country Education Fund**
The Rudy Meyer Memorial Scholarship is being offered to students between 15-17 years old. The scholarship covers the cost of attending an Outward Bound Navigator’s Course. Interested students are asked to pick up an information form and an application form from the front office or both can be emailed to you by contacting Penny Sheppard on ppshep@bigpond.com

Applications have been extended to Friday 13th November. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Two students will be selected from applicants.

Application forms for education grants for 2016 for post-secondary students are now available to be downloaded at www.cef.org.au or google Country Education Foundation of Australia. Applications close on Friday, 20th November, 2015.

**Light Up Coly/Coly Festival of Lights**
Town residents should string their Xmas lights around their home from Friday 27th until Xmas to be in the running to collect over $2,600 cash prize money.

A stage full of music, singing, dancing, activities, displays, stalls and heaps more all in Brolga Place from 6pm.

**Australia Day 2016**
Don't forget to put in nominations for awards for Australia Day 2016. Nomination forms are available at the Coleambally MSC Shire office or can be emailed to you. Nominations close on 6th January, 2016.

The Australia Day competitions with great prizes include:

- Colouring in for pre-school, K-1 and 2-3. Entry forms will be delivered to the pre-school and schools. Entries are due in by 11th December and will be collected from schools or can be left at Coleambally MSC Shire office.
- Best decorated Aussie thongs - for all ages. Entries to Coleambally MSC Shire office by 6th January.
- Best decorated Aussie cupcakes - for all ages - entries of 3 cupcakes on a plate in by 8.30am on Australia Day.

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.