Week 10 Term 4

Principal’s Report

Our end of term whole school assembly will be held this Friday 11th December commencing at 10.00am in the hall. Many students will be presented with a variety of different awards across the primary and secondary school to acknowledge their hard work in an academic sense but also to commend outstanding behaviour. It would be wonderful to see parents there to share in this experience. Our official, annual Presentation Night will be held next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at the Coleambally Community Club The school band will be performing on this evening commencing at 6.45pm.

To reward our K-10 students for their respectful, safe and responsible behaviour during the year a tabloid sports afternoon will also be held on Friday. K-6 will participate in the scheduled tabloid activities between recess and lunch. Secondary students will also participate in these events during periods 3-4 and then after lunch be taken to the pool. Please remember to prepare for the pool. This is a great opportunity for the school to come together to celebrate what has been an exceptional term in regards to the merits the students have earned by demonstrating our PBL values. Thank you to all those students who have consistently modelled outstanding behaviour to ensure that our school remains an exceptionally wonderful place for teaching and learning.

On Tuesday morning at 9.30am in the hall, eleven Year 5 students will deliver their School Captains speeches for 2016. It is inspiring to think that nearly all the students in one class are willing to undertake a leadership role within the school. This certainly highlights the remarkable nature of the young people in our school community. Regardless of the outcome, I would like to commend all the candidates for their generosity and school spirit and extend to them best wishes from their peers and teachers.

Notes have been sent home to Primary students regarding the events of this week and next week to wrap up the school year. A Diamond Award celebration for the deserving award recipients will be held this Thursday 10th December. Year 6 will also gather together for their farewell dinner and watch an appropriate movie together to conclude the evening on Thursday 10th December. Students have received a note regarding this event at the end of last week.

There will be class parties and water fun to celebrate the completion of the school year on Tuesday 15th December. A visit from Santa and representatives from the Salvation Army will arrive at school, also on 15th December, to collect presents from students to assist needy families over the holiday period. This is a wonderful initiative and will certainly make Christmas a little more pleasant for those families experiencing difficulties. Thank you for your generosity.

And finally, Year 6 will have their Farewell Assembly next Wednesday 16th December to signify the end of their Primary school years. I would like to congratulate these students on their achievements to date and I look forward to watching them grow into responsible, respectful and resilient young men and women.

Principal’s Report
K-10 Reports
Students across K-10 will receive their end of year reports on Friday 11th December.

Primary Book Packs
After the success of the introduction of book packs in 2015, Coleambally Central School has decided to continue with the usage of book packs from Kindergarten to Year 6 for 2016. The packs will consist of books that your child will be using throughout the year specifically chosen by your child’s class teacher, the pack also contains the required text books each student will need to use. The cost will be $45.00 per student and will need to be paid to the front office as soon as possible to allow for the packs to be available for the beginning of the school year. As the school is able to source books in bulk this is a substantial saving than if parents were to purchase them themselves. At the end of the term the book packs from 2015 will be sent home with each student.

Stage 6 Sydney Excursion
Just a reminder that the $100 deposit for this excursion is due by Friday 11th December to confirm students commitment.

Delivery of 2015 HSC results
Just a reminder that 2015 HSC results will be delivered to students via email and text message from 6.00am on Wednesday 16th December 2015. Students will also be able to access their results at the same time via Students Online.

Students should log into Students Online > My Details and check that their email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are correct. They should use their personal email address, rather than school email address, if they are not going to have access to their school account in December.

Students who do not wish to receive their results by email or SMS can opt out via Students Online > My Details until 5pm on Tuesday 15 December. Further information can be found on Students Online > Results > Getting your results.

For more information, contact:
Students Online 1300 13 83 23

Congratulations
Five Coleambally Central School students attended the Water Skiing Victorian State Titles on the weekend on Lake Charm. Although the conditions were very hot the students had a wonderful weekend. Georgie Tooth 2nd Under 10’s girls, Jasmin Payne 1st Under 10’s girls, Grace Tooth 1st Under 13’s Expert and Harry Tooth and George Payne 1st in Junior 2Up.

Have a great week.
Meagan Crelley
Principal

Primary News
Swimming Lessons
All primary classes have been participating in swimming lessons for the past week. All students have developed their skills over this time, just in time for a very hot summer. Thank you to the ladies who have taught the students these very important lifesaving skills.

Janine Foster
Assistant Principal

Secondary News
Career News
Murrumbidgee Irrigation will be advertising for an Apprentice Electrician, in this week’s Irrigator and Area News. This full-time position is located in Leeton, and the successful applicant will start in Late January or early February 2016.

Details about this position vacant and access to MI’s application documents are available on MI’s website – http://www.mirrigation.com.au/Careers/Positions-Vacant. Applications close Friday 18 December 2015.

Simulated UMAT Day
Intensive Preparation Workshop for UMAT 2016 SYDNEY - School Holiday Program 14th January 2016, 9am - 5.30pm. Students who are in years 10, 11 or 12 and are considering a career in medicine, dentistry, or optometry will need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) before they can apply for relevant placements in the above fields with universities.

Interested Year 12 students will sit the real UMAT on the 27th of July 2016. The workshop includes an overview of the entire UMAT process - exam, scores, standardising, applications, university requirements, interviews, past experiences, professional advice, performance expectations, and more. Each student is individually assessed and fine-tuned for peak performance. Strategic problem solving and tuition in each of the three UMAT constructs, and of course medical interviews (MMI and structured panel). The workshop will be conducted by two highly experienced and expert lecturers who will define and explain each UMAT construct. A full practice test conducted under exam conditions, followed by a feedback session. This intense full day preparation
workshop allows students to identify and explore their true strengths and weaknesses.
Cost: $289 (Lunch and refreshments will be provided)
All details are available via www.nie.edu.au

**Students of Year 8**
As all Year 8 students are participating in Careers Education classes 2016, it is required that they have an exercise book to work in. 128 page is sufficient. Thank you

*Ema Munro*
*Careers Adviser / HSIE teacher*

**Rugby League Coaching**
The Stage 5 PASS class have been doing a unit on sports coaching this term and have focused on Rugby League. Andrew Herbert from the NRL ran a workshop with the students in Week 8 to develop their rugby league knowledge and skills and prepare them for their coaching role. This week the Stage 5 students prepared and delivered an hour long coaching session to students in Stage 3. They were broken into groups and each student had a skill to explain and demonstrate before coming together for some games. The students showed an excellent ability to communicate, provide helpful feedback and motivate the Stage 3 students who participated really well and should be commended on their outstanding efforts and enthusiasm. Each student was presented with a Rugby League ball so they can practice their newly learnt skills at home. A huge thank you to Andrew and the NRL for running the program and donation of the balls.

*Kate Huckle*
*PDHPE Teacher*

**Community Announcements**

**Swimming Club**
The Coleambally swimming Pool will be closed to the public on Friday afternoons from 5.30 – 7.30 pm due to an increase in members for the Coleambally Swimming Club. This will be for the next 4 Fridays up until and including the 18th December 2015. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Hay Mobile Children’s Service**
HMCS offer venue care in Coleambally and Yamma on a fortnightly basis. They also provide Farm Based Care to eligible families. HMCS is currently taking enrolments for 2016, for more information visit www.hmcs.org.au or phone 6993 3059.
HMCS is taking expressions of interests for part time or casual work, Certificate 3 in Children’s Services is a requirement. Please contact the service for further details on 6993 3059.

**Fusion**
Due to ill health there has not been ‘drop-in centre’ for high schoolers after school on Thursdays, for the last month, but we will meet at the 'Drop-in Centre' on Thursday, 10th December, at 3.30 after school, for the last time this year, and will look forward to seeing you there. For more information ring 0428 544 018.

**Junior Chess**

Summer 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith
WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)
WHEN: Monday 25th January 2016(last week of the school holidays)
TIME: 9:15 am to 3:45 pm
ENTRY FEE: $10 [$15 for a family] payable on the day.
OPEN TO: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess
PRIZES: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U18 & U12 Possible trophies for U10 depending on numbers.
REGISTER BY: 22nd January 2016 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626 or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au
WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments [soft drink and water for sale]
You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required.
The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.