Year 7 Adventure Challenge

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Anzac Day
Meet 10.30am
near Artback in Wentworth for the march. Full uniform.

Updated on our Website this fortnight:
Year 7 Excursion
Good morning parents, staff and students of Coomealla High School and welcome to our Term 1 Presentation Assembly. Congratulations to all of our students who have had their accomplishments recognised today. These awards reflect persistence in a range of areas whether they are academic, sporting or community. Our students are gaining the knowledge and experiences they will need to allow them to take their place in the world in the years to come.

The Coomealla High School motto is ‘Learn To Live’ and it seems appropriate for us to briefly examine how our school is preparing students to live their lives when schooling is completed.

As you will know, Coomealla High School is a PBL school, or Positive Behaviour for Learning. PBL revolves around the teaching of intrinsic values of life and how they relate to each student every day. The values we teach are showing respect, always doing your best, being safe and demonstrating honesty in all that you do. A student who takes this set of values with them when they leave school is well on the way towards doing the best they can in life. At present we reward our students who demonstrate these values. The end result of PBL is to instil these values in students ‘without’ rewards. Doing the right thing for yourself and your school is enough. What an excellent set of values to take into life.

In many other ways we are preparing our students for life beyond their time at school. For some students mainstream school is not the answer to every question. For these students we must create an alternate pathway to help them to ‘Learn to Live’. Excellent courses have been developed for students such as ‘Where Am I Headin’ which is a flexible educational option and can respond to the individual needs of students. It can involve students working in TAFE, gaining on the job training through work placement, the development of life skills and a host of other alternatives that present themselves through the year. These students are learning the skills which will allow them to succeed when formal schooling is finished.

Coomealla High School is quite unique among rural schools. We have a very experienced staff who have spent a great deal of time in this area. It is their home. They have a vested interest in ensuring that their school provides the best it can for its students and their future. The real proof of this is that many of our teachers children have attended Coomealla High School.

Our students are equipped with a work ethic which will see them do well in the future. The regular comments from work experience employees are how well our students work, how
they take the initiative and how they have pride in what they do. Coomealla kids pick up apprenticeships more than others because employers know that they are hard working and that they will always give their best.

Coomealla High School strives to give our students a sense of the community in which they live. Our students take part in many community events which serve to bring the school and its community closer together. I attended the Australia Day Awards in January and Coomealla High School students featured heavily as they were rewarded for their community participation. Our students took out junior sports person, best sporting team and young citizen of the year. An excellent reward for our hard working students.

Our students learn the value of community and they respect the community in which they live by taking part and putting something back. These are important, life long, lessons to learn.

Coomealla High School has a proud tradition of fostering success in may different areas. Our students have gained academic distinctions and have taken up places in universities throughout the country. They will continue to live and learn throughout their lives. An important reason for this is the set of values that their school and their parents have instilled in them.

When a Coomealla High School student leaves school he or she is ready to take on life and to continue to ‘Learn to Live’. Well done to our students today and remember what lessons you have learnt at school. Remember what values you have been taught and how they are preparing you to ‘Learn to Live’.

Mr R Scotton

Congratulations to Ms Josephine Crowley who has been appointed the new Deputy Principal of Coomealla High School after completion of the Merit Selection Procedures.
IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING VIA BUS AND THIS IS NOT BETWEEN YOUR HOME ADDRESS AND THE SCHOOL THEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE CORRECT FARE.

FOR ANY STUDENT THAT TRAVELS FROM COOMEALLA HIGH SCHOOL INTO MILDURA IS REQUIRED TO PAY $4.60 EACH TIME.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUE THAT ARE SET OUT IN THE SSTS APPLICATION FORM STATE:


The NSW Government is committed to providing support for students to access education. The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) is a key component of this.

The SSTS (the Scheme) provides subsidised travel for eligible school students on rail, bus, ferry and long distance coaches. A subsidy is also available for transport to and from school in private vehicles in areas where there is no public transport.

The Ministry of Transport manages the Scheme through its regional offices located in Newcastle, Parramatta and Wollongong. Transport operators issue passes to eligible students, and schools also play an important role in verifying students’ eligibility and liaising with transport providers.

Eligibility requirements

The Scheme can only be used for travel between home and school, and for approved travel commencing between the hours of 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday on school days. It does not extend to activities such as school excursions, sports and work experience or attendance at joint secondary/TAFE programs, multi-campus high schools, Saturday schools, pre-schools, mini-schools (except for full-time geographically isolated distance education students), before and after school care or child minding premises.

To be eligible for the Scheme an applicant must be:

a resident of NSW

4 years and 6 months of age or older and enrolled as one of the following:

- an infant student (K–2) regardless of the distance between their home and school
- primary student (Years 3–6) who lives more than 1.6 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.3 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
- secondary student (Year 7–12) who lives more than 2 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.9 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
- a TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1st January of the year of application who is:
  * enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week
  * not employed
  * living more than 3.2 kms from the college by the most direct practical walking route and
  * attending the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.
PBL SUPER DRAW

At our Monday whole school assembly PBL conducted a ‘Superdraw’. The winners will be treated to a BBQ lunch on Wednesday 10th April. All students who had a PBL purple ticket this year were eligible for the superdraw. Four students from Years 7 – 12 were drawn out. This initiative was a result of student feedback from a recent survey.

The winners are:
Year 7: Tegan Axen, Pasquale Audino, Rhys Pauly and Riley Saunders.
Year 8: Rhys Mutch, Hamish Laity, Shyneekah Mitchell and Campbell Davidson.
Year 9: Tegan Kuzman, Ryan Dicker, Jade Pohlner and Kayden Cullinan.
Year 10: Jayden Woods, Shanae Tilley, Billy Ives and Harry Cooper.
Year 11: Kyle Langanke, Ally McCullagh, Ashley Bone and Shenay Harris-Ruhs.
Year 12: Taylah Chatterton, William Andriske, Derek Scriven and Riley Riordan.

Congratulations to the winners and all of those who have met the school values and received purple slips through the term.

Year 7 Adventure Challenge

Year 7 and their Year 10 peers spent two days out at King’s Billabong Wildlife Reserve on an Adventure Challenge. Two wonderful exciting days of fun, laughter, screams and more screams were enjoyed by everyone. The first day was filled with tabloid challenges, where each group of Year 7s, with their peer leaders, had to master six activities set around the Reserve. One activity ‘walking the plank’ had students walking the narrow plank to a canoe and fitting as many of their team members in the canoe as possible then paddle to the opposite bank, return and get out of the canoe and back onto land across the plank again, without capsizing the canoe.

The second day came with new challenges where the six teams had to complete a race with eight activities to gain eight (8) digits to a ‘safe’ combination and win the Treasure. One activity involved one team member guiding a blind team member carrying a bucket, full of water several metres and then tossing the bucket of water into a large tub. They had to fill the large tub to be able to wash a small capsule out of the tub, the capsule contained one of the digits needed for the ‘safe’ code. The Year 10 peer leaders did a superb job of rallying each of their teams together and having some good fun. The Year 11 Coaching Class also were on hand coaching and supporting their teams as well. A few days out in the sun, enjoying the Billabong and getting into some physical and mental challenges was fantastic for our minds and spirits -well done everyone.

Mrs Alexander
Year 7 Advisor

More pictures pages 6-7.
Year 7 Excursion
Netball Success!!

On the 12th March, nine female students travelled to Broken Hill via bus and in personal cars to attend the Netball trials in Broken Hill. Congratulations to Ashlee Cameron, Samantha McLean, Sarah Clothier and Claire O’Connor who were selected to play in the Barrier Netball Team. The squad of eleven students will be travelling to Tamworth at the end of May to play in the NSW Regional Netball Carnival.

Big thank you to Mr Yager, Ms Snow and Mr Gee for their organisation with the trials. Also to Mrs Clothier and Mrs O’Connor for driving students to Broken Hill on the day.

Best of luck in Tamworth!!

Miss Watson

FUSION DRILLDANCE MILDURA

Would you like you and/or your daughter to get fit while having fun??

Why not try DrillDance (formerly Marching Girls).

Ages from 5 to 95 years.

We have a “Come and Try” day on Sunday 21st April 2013, between 2pm – 4pm

at the Irymple South School. Come along and have a look.

Give it a try, you might enjoy it.

You never know until you try.

Further enquiries contact Jen Marshall 0419649488.
Media release

Friday, 12 April 2013

Young Endeavour Young Scheme – Two Lucky Recipients to Undertake Sea Voyages in 2013

Wentworth Shire Council is pleased to announce that Wentworth residents Laura Bysouth and Emma Bone have both been selected to set sail aboard the Tall Ship Young Endeavour in 2013. The Young Endeavour Committee is made up of the Mayor Don McKinnon, Councillor Bill Wheeldon and Councillor Melisa Hederics. The Committee was so impressed by the applications from Laura and Emma that the decision to send both the girls was unanimously passed.

Mayor Don McKinnon said “Both Laura and Emma’s applications showed enthusiasm and drive to take up this once in a life-time opportunity”. Wentworth Shire Council has sponsored a berth on the Young Endeavour since 1998 which offers an opportunity for young people to become crew members and learn a range of new skills whilst being fully supervised and supported by the on-board Royal Australian navy crew. “Laura and Emma will be our 15th and 16th recipients of this unique opportunity and we believe the experience will prove invaluable to their futures”, said Mayor McKinnon.

Laura and Emma are both extremely pleased to be chosen by Council for the voyage and look forward to the chance of being out of their comfort zones, building their skills and having an adventure all at the same time. Both the girls were excited to be chosen by Council to take part in the voyage and were both looking forward to the challenge.

Both Laura and Emma will be sailing on the same voyage which sets sail from Geelong on 13 December and docks on 23 December in Adelaide.

Media contact: Mayor, Councillor Don McKinnon 0418 346 355

Congratulations girls - from all the teachers and students of Coomealla High.
## CALENDAR

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**Reminder:**

**Thongs or canvas shoes are NOT to be worn at school for ANZAC DAY.**

10:30am near Artback
Recipe Corner:

Lentil and Cauliflower Dahl

**Ingredients:**
- 2 T Sunflower oil
- 1 lge onion, sliced thin
- 2 T medium-hot Indian Curry Paste
- 1 cup (200g) dried red lentils
- 3 cups (750ml) vege stock
- 2 T tomato sauce
- 500g cauliflower, break into small florets
- 1 cup (120g) frozen peas, thawed
- 2 T chopped coriander leaves, plus extra to garnish
- Natural yoghurt and naan bread, to serve

**Method:**
1. Heat oil in large pan to a medium heat.
2. Add onion, garlic and curry paste, cook, stirring for 5 mins until onion softens.
3. Add lentils and stir well.
4. Add stock and tomato sauce.
5. Bring to boil, cover and simmer on low 15 mins.
6. Return to medium and add cauliflower, simmer covered 8-10 mins until cooked.
7. Add peas for final 2 mins and stir in coriander.
8. Serve with yoghurt and naan, garnish with extra coriander.

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COUNTRY FAIR

MORE TO DO...
MORE TO SEE...
MORE TO ENJOY...

SUNDAY - MAY 5TH - 10.00am start

2013 Football (Soccer) Program Selection Trials

Saturday 20th April 2013
10am-12 noon
Soccer Park
Mildura

Boys aged 12-15 & Girls aged 12-17 are encouraged to attend

Manager of Programs: Susan Watts mobile: 0427343043
Email: academy@malleesportsassembly.org.au
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ABSENTEE NOTES
The DET Attendance Policy PD20050259 states that:
Parents are responsible for explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. (from Responsibilities, 2.1 point 3); and

A hard copy of the electronic record is to be generated weekly for the previous two-week period. The principal or delegated school executive must endorse this hard copy, certifying its accuracy. Once signed, this hard copy becomes the record of attendance and must not be amended. (4.2 Electronic Attendance Registers, 4.2.2)

Please send absentee notes to school promptly and, if you are going on holidays, please inform the school in advance.

Coomealla High School—Absence Note
Student Name: ___________________________ Year: ________Roll Group: ______________
My child was absent from school: Date/s ____________________________________________
Reason: ____________________________________________________________________
Signed: __________________________________Parent/Guardian

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Quotable Quote:

Logic will get you from A to B.
Imagination will take you everywhere.

- Albert Einstein