Coomie Students Enjoying Sport

Year 6 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday May 27

Updated on our Website this fortnight:
Girls Football and Anzac Ceremony
Principals Report

Welcome back to term 2. This term is a short 9 week term, but one jam packed with events as our current newsletter attests to.

The highlight during the recent holidays, for me, was the ANZAC service in Wentworth with a number of our students and staff marching and participating in the service. Our captains certainly did us proud both in the presentation of the wreath and their excellent speeches. The latter being picked up on a news "grab" on the local news later that evening.

Our own school ANZAC service followed in week 1 which was again a very special service presented by our year 10 students under the direction of Mrs Alderton. A highlight of this was again the speeches by the students and the audio visual presentation.

Winter sport has started and I had the pleasure of watching the girls AFL matches last week. The support by students, parents and staff was fantastic and showcased Coomealla High School once again as a school that truly "cares about it's kids".

As an avid parent supporter of numerous sporting codes and events I wondered how I would be as a "Principal supporter". I can safely say that there is no difference! I cheered with everyone else when successful moves happened and groaned when our girls were on the ground. Congratulations to Korreigh on her goal scoring ability and to each and every one of the other girls who, despite the falls and consequent bruises, showed dedication, perseverance, team spirit and true grit!

Our students have also excelled recently in clay target shooting and rowing. Please see other articles in the newsletter about these events. Particular thanks should go to the parents of these students for supporting their children in these sports as without parental support these successes would not happen.

On Sunday the 4th a number of students, Ms Watson and myself went to the Gol Gol Country Fair to promote Coomealla High School. We handed out free packages of biscuits made by students and staff to over 200 people, talking to many about Coomealla High School. It was an excellent opportunity to promote our school and I sincerely thank all those who participated in the activity.

It was also an excellent opportunity to promote our year 6 parent information evening to be held on May 27. The evening will begin with a BBQ at 6 pm followed by a meet and greet of staff and tours of the school. All are welcome so please pass on this invitation to any families who have a student entering year 7 next year.

I am in Sydney at the end of this week to attend the second meeting about the Links to Learning Program. I am one of three Principals across the state invited to help develop the new guidelines. Coomealla High School has also been invited to be part of a pilot program in this area later this year. I would like to thank Mrs Shoobridge for her huge input into the development of our proposal.

We are very proud to have secured the services of a new staff member Will Ward. Will has spent the last 15 years as AEO at Wagett High School and has started this term at Coomealla High School as an engagement/support person for Indigenous students 2 days per week and also as our new ACLO 2 days per week. Welcome Will!

Finally we are looking into moving the second of our two end of year Staff Development Days. We are investigating moving the day to extended school days (or staff only) during terms 2 and 3. The topics for our Staff Development Days to be covered will include upgrades in training in anaphylaxis, CPR and NCI. Any parents who wish to have more information and/or to be included in these sessions are most welcome to contact me.

Best wishes to all for a productive term 2.

Ms Jo Scott
Principal

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php
Dobell Drawing School

This year 73 students from 33 schools have attended four days of intensive drawing workshops at the National Art School. Thanks to the generous funding from the Sir William Dobell Foundation these students have access to teaching, studio and facilities available at a tertiary art school. Emily Smyth from Coomealla High attended this year and participated in Experimental Drawing. In this course students were told to expect the unexpected and a wide range of media was introduced and students were not limited to pencil. They created and developed exciting drawings using still life in new and innovative ways.

The Dobell School was initiated in 1998 and is generously sponsored by the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation. Dobell also left a wish that visual art continued to be a vibrant expression of our culture and the young artists are encouraged to develop their skills in all areas of the visual arts. The engagement and immersion in such a program is highly productive for students in broadening their perception of the art world in building confidence to create art.

Emily experimented with inks, charcoal, pencils and a variety of still life composition resulting in some beautiful drawings. She learned new techniques and skills from a highly accomplished teacher (Denis Clarke) and enjoyed meeting and socialising with other artist students from around the state.

Rebecca Nixon
Our School Captains represented Coomealla High School at the Anzac ceremony held at Wentworth April 25
Our Preliminary English students have recently submitted their assessment task for the Area of Study. This is a unit where the students study various texts that are linked by a particular thematic consideration. The current thematic link is “Visions of the Future”. Students have explored the texts of various composers from a variety of eras that have portrayed their perceived vision for the future of mankind. This exploration has been the impetus for very some very interesting discussions, in which we have examined the values and ethics that are needed to be considered in the pursuit of scientific and technological advancement, as well different concepts and models for organising society and various methods of control and resolution of conflicts.

The assessment task for this unit required the students to represent their ideas and those of the composers visually. The result of which was a vast array of different perceptions, using a plethora of materials and exhibiting many differing views of the future. The students then had to present their visual representations to the class in the form of a speech. This gave all of the students the opportunity to not only be exposed to many other ideas; it also gave them the chance to show their ability to recognise areas where students excelled and the areas which needed improvement. This took the form of a written reflection, where they critiqued three of their colleagues work, as well as their own performance. This is a very valuable learning tool as it helps them to recognise their own strengths and weaknesses, resulting in obvious avenues by which they can improve their own work.
Junior Girls Footy

On Monday May 5, a group of girls from years 7, 8 and 9 travelled into town by bus to Sarah Oval, Mildura to compete in the Victorian Junior Girls Interschool Football Competition.

We played three games and won two of them. Our first game was against St Joseph’s College, but sadly we lost. Best players in that game were Abbey Taylor, Jasmin Pohlner and Maddi Gallagher.

We were successful in our second game against Merbein P-10 College, the score being 27 to nil. Mikaela Fraser kicked three goals and one point, Courtney Watson kicked two points and Meg Richardson kicked one goal. Our best players for that game were Mikaela Fraser, Maddi Gallagher and Courtney Watson.

Our third and final game was against Trinity Lutheran College, who we beat 13 points to nil. Courtney Watson kicked two goals and Chloe Thompson kicked a point. Our best players for the third game were Courtney Watson, Shae McDonnell and Sarah Turner.

Over all we came second in our pool. We all had a great time and learned new skills. Everyone played well and had a lot of fun.

We would like to thank the teachers, sport coaches, water boys & umpires for assisting us throughout the day.

Megan, Shae and Mikaela.
Senior Girls Footy

On Monday May 5, some Year 10, 11 and 12 girls, along with Year 8 and 9 girls played a couple of games of footy at Number three Oval in Mildura.

Our first games was against Senior College and we put up a good fight, but unfortunately lost by some last minute goals. It was a good warm up game for the next match.

Our second and last game was against St Joseph’s College. It was a really close game with Korreigh Wade kicking a goal and the end score differing by only 3 points.

Overall it was a really fun night with some of our girls coming away with bumps and bruises, but it was a fun experience.

Thanks to Mr Driscoll, Mrs Barker, Bailey Tyres for coaching us, water boys and girls and all the supporters.

Shanae and Lauren
Clay Target Shooting Championships

During week 10, term 1, two students from Coomealla High School attended the Clay Target Shooting Championships in Wagga Wagga.

Jack Cullinan was awarded with:
- 2nd place in Sub Junior National Titles – Champion of Champions
- 3rd place in A Grade Champion of Champions

Tarryn Shaddock was awarded with:
- 1st place in C Grade Point Score – Australia and New Zealand
- 3rd place in Sub Junior Point Score – Australia and New Zealand

Congratulations to both Jack and Tarryn on their outstanding achievements.

Mrs Maddi Johnson
Year 8 Advisor and SCR Coordinator

WITH COMPLIMENTS FROM COOMIE HIGH!!

On Sunday May 4, the Gol Gol Country Fair provided the perfect opportunity for several Coomealla High School students to promote our school and advertise our upcoming Open Night.

In preparation for the day, Mrs Bell kindly whipped up seven batches of shortbread dough for us to roll out, cut into cookies and baked. Mrs Wesolek produced professional labels for us to use. The three hundred cookies were then bagged and tagged and ready for distribution.

Fortunately the following students volunteered to help throughout this process offering valuable advice to help make things easier and more time efficient: Samantha Maclean, Kylia Sloane, Nikita Dalzell, Georgia Mackay and Korreigh Wade. Thanks heaps for your time and keeping an eye on the ovens.

On the day two baskets were loaded up with our yummy biscuits and handed out as the girls walked through the busy crowd at the Fair. A big thank you to Rachel Alderton, Nicole Cumming, Nikita Dalzell, Georgia Mackay and Korreigh Wade for your smiles and your time and helping to promote our wonderful school. Also a special thank you to Mrs Scott for accompanying the students and distributing flyers for our Open Night on the 27th May.

With many positive comments received on the day we look forward to more baking for next years Fair.

Ms Watson
The aim of the Op Shop Fashion Show is to provide a fun and creative opportunity for Sunraysia’s youth to add to their portfolio of work, while gaining some experience in their chosen industry. We have enlisted the help of local fashion designers to judge the outfits and provide mentoring to the entrants while they prepare on the day. We are hoping that this opportunity will inspire the entrants to pursue their passion and give them an insider’s perspective on how they can achieve their goals within the industry.

The idea of the event is for entrants to spend up to $40 on clothing from local Op Shops and modify their finds, to create a couple of outfits to enter into the fashion show.

The event is set to take place on Sunday June 1, at 2pm, and is open to entrants between the ages of 12 and 18 who are interested in a career in fashion and design.

Chelsea Wilkinson
The Leo Club of Sunraysia
sunraysialeoclub@gmail.com

ROWING
Over the Easter weekend the annual Wentworth / Mildura Rowing Regatta was held. A number of students from Coomealla High competed against clubs from Melbourne, Adelaide and country Victoria and gained first place medals over both days in the single and double skull, in under age events as well as B and C grade races. Congratulations to the following students who competed for Wentworth Rowing Club and did both themselves and their club proud. Eli and Trinity Kervin, Alex and Imogen Smith, Rhianna Duncan, Hannah Murdoch, Meagan Verstappen, Lauren and Mikaela Fraser.
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**Reminder:**

Thongs or canvas shoes are NOT to be worn at school for safety reasons.
Recipe Corner:

**CAMBODIAN BEEF & PEPPER SALAD:**

**Ingredients:** Serves 2
- 200g rump or sirloin steak
- 4 leaves iceberg lettuce, leaves separated
- 1 beefsteak tomato, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 small Spanish onion, halved and sliced
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

**Marinade**
- ½ red chilli, roughly chopped
- 1 chopped clove of garlic
- 15g fresh root ginger, peeled and roughly chopped
- ½ lime, juice only
- 1 tsp palm sugar
- 1 tbsp dark soy sauce
- 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup for the dipping sauce

**Dipping Sauce**
- ½ lime, juice only
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp salt

**Preparation method:**

Trim the beef steak of all fat, then cut into thin slices and place into a bowl.

**Marinade:** place all of the marinade ingredients into a food processor and blend until smooth. Pour the marinade over the beef and leave to marinate for at least 15 minutes, covered.

Arrange the lettuce leaves and sliced tomato and onion on a serving platter. Set both the platter and bowl aside.

**Dipping Sauce:** mix the lime juice, freshly ground black pepper and salt together in a bowl. Set aside.

**Beef:** heat half of the vegetable oil in a wok or large deep frying pan over a high heat.

Lift half the beef out of the marinade, add to the pan and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes, or until golden-brown all over, but still rare in the centre (or until the beef is cooked to your liking).

Spoon the beef onto a warmed serving plate and set aside.

Add the remaining oil to the wok or pan and fry the remaining beef in the same way.

To serve, set the table with the plate of beef, salad platter in the centre, and a small dipping saucer at each place setting.

Instruct your diners to spoon some beef into a lettuce leaf and add the sliced onion and tomato on top. Wrap up the beef, then dip the parcel into the dipping sauce before eating.

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**Attention all bus travelling students**

For any student that holds a valid SSTS Student Pass, this pass needs to be used in reference to the Transport for NSW guidelines. The pass is valid for named person for travel use between **HOME** and **SCHOOL** on School Days only, between 6.30am and 7.00pm. Valid for one forward journey and one return journey (to and from school).

This pass does not allow for subsidised travel for after school activities ie. Sport practise, work commitments etc; if you require bus transport for this type of journey, you will be required to pay the appropriate fare.

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**Attention Parents**

Due to an increasing number of asthma cases in recent weeks, could parents please ensure that their child carries their puffer and spacer (if used) with them to school. A spare puffer with their child’s name on it may be left at the front office.
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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Reason: _______________________________________________________________________

Signed: __________________________________ Parent/Guardian

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Quotable Quote:

Learn from yesterday,
Live for today,
Hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is not to stop questioning.

Albert Einstein

Change of Address/Personal Information

Please obtain an official ‘Change of Student Details’ form from the front office.
This will allow details to be updated on our system.