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“The Great Gatsby”
Friday September 5

Updated on our Website this fortnight:
Principal’s Report

At present staff, parents and students at Coomealla High School are starting to develop a new vision and new strategic directions for our school. On Tuesday September 2, Maryanne Bohr from our Broken Hill office will be running a workshop to facilitate this process. All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to join in this workshop.

So far executive have worked on the difference between a school vision and a mission statement and are collecting ideas for our strategic direction.

At the time of writing this report, the school play was in practise mode leading up to performances later in the week. I am confident that it will be a fantastic night showcasing the talents of many of our students.

Our Links to Learning programs are going well. The NRL coaching students are working with our local Primary schools and have been asked to return and extend the program. Our landscaping and gardening programs continue to be successful with much work being put in by parents, students and staff. Please visit us and have a look at the amazing progress they are making. The TAFE and local hairdressing courses are also in progress with students thoroughly enjoying the experience.

A number of students have done well in both school and extra curricula sport recently in Athletics and also Clay Bird Shooting. Sara Hancock went to Broken Hill last week and performed very well, resulting in 1st discuss, 1st javelin and 3rd shot put in the West Darling Athletics Carnival. In Clay Bird Shooting: Jack Cullinan: 2nd junior boys North West Zone school championships, 2nd in the team event. The other boys who participated were Tarryn Shaddock, Cameron Cullinan and Mitchell Bysouth. Harry Cooper scored 8/10 and 8/10 and eventually came 4th in the senior boys after losing the shoot off for 3rd. My thanks to the parents for their involvement in enabling those students to participate.

Our captains for 2015 have been voted on and we were certainly "spoilt for choice"

The results were:

Captains: Abbey Patterson and Nick Cottrell.

Vice Captains: Bill Murray, Shanae Tilley, Jordan McKinnon and Hannah Murdoch. My personal congratulations to these fine students; I am confident that they will do us proud

My best wishes to the outgoing Captains Korreigh Wade and Corey Henderson and their team. Thank you for your commitment to Coomealla High School in 2014.

The next AECG and Indigenous parent and careers meeting will be held on September 2 at 2 pm at the Coomealla High School. We will be talking about our vision, strategic direction and forward planning at this meeting. All are welcome to attend and contribute to this important topic.

P &C has settled into our new time slot of 5.30 - 7 pm. The next meeting is on the September 16 and all are welcome to attend. The P & C are making steady progress on the refurbishment at the front of the school ably assisted by BMEET. Well done to all those involved.

Jo Scott
Principal

The Coomealla High School P&C would like to express our appreciation to the Wentworth Community Branch Bendigo Bank for their generous grant of $5000.00, which will contribute to improvements to the Student/Guest carpark near the ball courts, resulting in safer and easier parking. This is the projected first stage in a plan to improve the school entrances.
## Athletics Carnival Results

The final Point score based on Competition Points and Relay Points was:

1<sup>st</sup> place Oxley on 7764 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Sturt on 6933 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Mitchell on 6553 points  
4<sup>th</sup> place Cook on 5927 points.

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NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC Day at Coomealla High School was celebrated last Thursday with a range of activities for the whole school and our guests. The day consisted of a formal assembly, Elders and community morning tea and 12 different sessions for the students to experience throughout the day. The year 5 and 6’s from surrounding primary schools also enjoyed their visit to the high school which was an amazing day all round. A big thank you to our helpers and Sam Ruben for being involved; also all the community organisations that took time out to spread a positive message from their field of expertise. A great day had by all. Congratulations to all our NAIDOC leaders who did a wonderful job during the day.

Della Philp
NAIDOC DAY
2014
THE CURTAIN RISES...

...on the school play Finding Jamie Ryan by Marlene F Magee this weekend, with a students' matinee and two evening performances.

The three performances are the culmination of four months' work by members of the cast, from Years 7 to 11, and their teachers. In recent weeks Mr Mac and his team of carpenters and painters have found themselves recycling, painting, hammering and assembling as the set for Springfield High School takes shape.

Finding Jamie Ryan follows the adventures of two Year 8 students at Springfield High School undertaking a task which is part of the routine for junior students in many high schools – acting as runners for the day. They have a mission for the Principal – to find the elusive Year 10 student Jamie Ryan. It should not take them all day, but it does...

Introducing the cast -

Two years ago Year 9 students provided the cream of the acting talent for our last production, Four Funerals and a Wedding. They must have enjoyed the experience; Brodie Dalzell, Eli Kervin, Paige Ketting, Matthew Mathieson and Abbey Patterson – now in Year 11 - are all backing up again, together with newcomer Emily Smyth. With her performance as Angela, the sensible and long suffering school runner, Abbey will be achieving a rare triple, having appeared in all three plays staged during her time at Coomie.

The cause of most of Angela’s problems is her fellow runner, the annoying and not-very-intelligent Quinton, played by Year 10’s sole representative, Dylan Watson, who made his Coomie acting debut in the last production, playing the annoying but very intelligent work experience student Sonny.

Traditionally Year 9 has been well represented in the school play and this trend continues, with five members of Mr Dicker’s year group – Rhonda Charles, Isaac Kervin, Jacob Modica, AB Smith and Kathryn Taylor – signing up. Rhonda appeared in Four Weddings and a Funeral when she was in Year 7, as the vampish Rosaline, while Isaac played a memorable and slightly creepy mad scientist.

Year 8’s enthusiasm for drama is an encouraging sign, looking ahead to the next production. Tegan Axen, Giaan Brown, Trinity Kervin, Jessica McCarten and Imogen Smith will be demonstrating the full range of their abilities, variously playing recorders, dancing, killing snakes and using a bandsaw. Getting their acting careers off to a good start are two courageous Year 7 students – Murphy Baird and Jade Andrews – each playing two roles.

The action (including a harrowing accident with a bandsaw, a recorder duet, two playground fights and a terrifying peek into the staffroom during rehearsals for the Teachers Got talent! auditions) kicks off in the Coomealla Club auditorium this weekend, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August at 7.30pm. By the end of the evening Pierre, the French exchange student, will have vanquished the school bully Rocky del Coomi and acquired three girlfriends, Mrs Chatterley will have finished her knitting and killed the snake in the front office, Mr Cross will have solved the mystery of the timetable, Mr Woodward will have filled out the accident report, Tracey, Gracey and Stacey will have finished reading Romeo and Juliet, eight icepacks will have been issued and, hopefully, the elusive Jamie Ryan will have been found. Tickets will be available at the door. Ticket costs (evening performances) are: $5 – adults, $2 – students and pensioners, $10 – family ticket.
BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE SCHOOL PLAY….

A small group of students has been working hard during sport on Fridays during term 3 to produce props for the school play. These props include a bandsaw, woodwork bench, first aid cart, student dog kennel project, Phillips head screwdriver, desks, wood-panellied, brick wall and many other little bits and pieces.

The bandsaw prop was made by Mr Mac and Ryan Wisneske. It is based on the real bandsaw we have in the woodwork room. It is lightweight construction, being made from large cardboard tubes and MDF boards, much like the construction of hollow-doors used in houses. It has been painted to look as real as possible, complete with Woodfast manufacturer logo, safety signs, on/off buttons, adjustment knobs, guide post and a fake blade.

The First aid cart is a re-use of the Coffee Cart from “Four Funerals and a Wedding” play. It has been painted to be a first aid cart, with the colours being based on ambulances. Many students worked on this cart including Ryan Wisneske, Tate Powell, Angus McCullagh, Robert Taylor and Stacey Clifford.

The workbench is a re-use of the returns counter from a previous play, the one set in a supermarket. The underside of the workbench is used as the brick wall in the play (sorry, no pic).
The Great Gatsby
Coomealla High School
2014 Senior Formal

Coomealla Club Auditorium
7.30pm till 11pm
Light Supper Provided
Formal Dress
Friday 5th September 2014
Music by DJ David Burrows
Fun photos by Mildura Photobooths
Interschool Junior Aussie Rules Competition

On Wednesday, 30/7/14 a group of Year 7 & 8 boys made their way to the aerodrome ovals in Mildura to participate in this footy competition against our neighbouring high schools in the Mildura area. The day was a bit wild and windy, but the boys gave it a good shot. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with any wins, however, the experience playing the other schools was a worthy one. The Coomie boys looked the part in their newly designed footy jumpers, which did highlight the Coomie High School connection.

Ian McKinnon from Year 12 did a wonderful job in being one of the central umpires for the day. Jacob Watt and Ashley Watson also had some input with some coaching strategies.

A big thanks to Mrs Linda Barker for organising the day for the boys.

The team consisted of:

Tyson Bath
Mitchell Bysouth
Tyler Tyers
Dexta Watson-Kiely
Jacob Whitfield
Caleb Dannatt
Lee Evans
Mitchell Kemp
Darby McLean
Hamish Ribarits
Jack Seaman
Ian McKinnon (Year 12)
Ashley Watson (Year 12)

Well Done to everyone for having a go!

Michael Dicker

If anyone requires the services of a Justice of The Peace, please contact:
Di Brown
Coomealla High School
PUBLIC SPEAKING GRAND FINAL

The grand final of the public speaking was held on Wednesday, the 6th of August. The event was confidently hosted by Rachel Alderton (Yr 12) and the adjudicators were Mr Michael Dreyer, Mrs Annette Finch and Miss Emily Leon. The first speaker for the junior section was Ashton Tilley (Yr 7) who informed us of the details of various air disasters. Eliza Collier (Yr 7) won the junior section with a humorous consideration of the imperfections of a barbie doll. Jessica McCarten gave a thoughtful speech about the reasons for reading books. Laura Ricardi reached the audience with her topic about homework not being given in the holidays. Tamara Field (Yr 8) gave a heart-felt speech about the experience of hosting an exchange student and as a consequence was awarded the position of runner-up.

The Intermediate section was won by Isaac Kervin (Yr 9) who gave a quirky look at the effects of video games. Zach Tanner (Yr 9) entertained the audience with a humorous recount of his trip to northern Queensland.

The Senior section was begun by Jessica Mazey (Yr 11) who gave a very confident and entertaining appraisal of the trials of growing up. Emily Smyth (Yr 11) was able to present an engaging speech about dragons. Abbey Patterson (Yr 11) used humour to full effect as she considered the difficulty of knowing what path to take in life. Teagan Allen represented Year 12 with a consideration of school life and used a range of rhetorical devices in her presentation. The result was that Jessica Mazey was the winner with Abbey Patterson being awarded runner up. The level of preparation and presentation was outstanding at this year’s event. Well done to all of the finalists.

Mrs R. Buckley

West Darling Athletics Carnival

Sara Hancock represented Coomealla High School at the West Darling Athletics Carnival held in Broken hill last week. Congratulations to Sara who achieved:

1st Discuss
1st Javelin
3rd Shot put
Recipe Corner:

**Custard Tarts**

**Ingredients:**
- 1½ cups (225g) plain flour
- 2 tbs icing sugar mixture
- 125g butter, chilled
- 2-3 tbs water
- 3 eggs
- 1tsp vanilla essence
- ¼ cup (60g) castor sugar
- 1¼ cups (310ml) milk warmed
- Ground nutmeg, to sprinkle

**Method:**
- Process 1½ cups (225g) plain flour, 2 tbs icing sugar mixture and 125g butter, chilled and cubed in a food processor until fine crumbs form.
- Add 2-3 tbs water and process until soft dough forms.
- Roll into a ball, divide into 6 portions.
- Roll out each portion to 3-4mm thick, to line six 3cm deep, 8cm (base measurement) round fluted tart tins with removable bases.
- Put on a baking tray
- Refrigerate for 15 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 200°C.
- Line the pastry cases with baking paper and fill with rice.
- Bake for 15 minutes.
- Remove paper and rice.
- Bake for 15 minutes.
- Reduce oven temperature to 180°C.
- Combine 3 eggs, 2 tsp vanilla essence, ¼ cup (60g) caster sugar and 1¼ cups (310ml) milk, warmed.
- Pour into cases and sprinkle with ground nutmeg
- Bake for 20-25 minutes or until just set.

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**October 13 - 20, 2014**

A talent show held around our area (Coomealla / Dareton), Wilcannia, Menindee and Broken Hill to celebrate Mental Health Month

Now that you know that these events are coming up you have the opportunity to practice your skills in dancing, singing, drama or magic.

details on dates, venues and registration will follow in future newsletters

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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

Coomealla High School—Absence Note

Student Name: ___________________________ Year: ________Roll Group: ______________

My child was absent from school: Date/s ____________________________________________

Reason: ____________________________________________________________________

Signed: __________________________________Parent/Guardian

Quotable Quote:

“One day, you’re 17 and you’re planning for someday.
And then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today.
And then someday is yesterday.
And this is your life.”

John Green

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.