Year 7 Anti-smoking Assignment

Year 7 Students learnt about the health affects of smoking and had to produce an anti-smoking campaign object. This cake was made by Emma Smiths to show the consequences of our choices if we smoke.
Principal’s Report

Dennis Brown, Science HT and myself travelled to Canberra for a Rural and Remote HSC forum. This forum is to share ideas and strategies and look at options for sharing resources with the intent to improve students HSC results. Sixty schools are attending and I am confident that this is a very progressive step towards improving outcomes for our students.

The HSC is going well so far with the vast majority of students happy with their exams. Please encourage your children to seek help and support from their teachers and year advisor whenever needed throughout this period. Some have already made requests regarding study options and noise limitation strategies and I am happy to help with any of these requests.

The CHS formal went extremely well; a big thank you to Maddie and her team of workers as well as those staff who supervised on the night. It was a lovely evening and the hall looked fantastic. Students were, once again, beautifully dressed and despite one clothing malfunction all had a very enjoyable evening. As the night did not cost quite as much as expected all students and guests received a USB to put photographs of the night on. Our year 12 / formal assembly for term 3 was very well attended with the number of attendees once again increasing. Mrs Alderton made a heartfelt speech which was well received by all and “lunch on the lawn” was a great time for catching up.

At the beginning of this term I attended a state TVET meeting in Sydney. The meeting explained the many new changes happening in 2016 for TAFE delivered vocational education and to have some input into how schools will be able to manage some. Thankfully for us the changes won’t be too huge as we have embarked on gradual changes in this area already. The most significant change for us is that, due to increasing costs, places for students in year 10 will be negligible and very hard to acquire. Also senior students will be unable to take more than one TVET course. They will still be able, however, to do VET courses based at school such as Hospitality, Construction, Business Services etc.

Our girls look very smart in the new summer dress and have been keen to drop in and show me. I visited Lowes on the weekend and viewed the uniforms in stock and it was pleasing to see that the new school polos had arrived. Please note that the dresses go up to size 24 and larger sizes can be ordered on request. The staff have told me that a number of parents have been in to pre order shirts previous to this: please let other parents know that they are now “in shop”. On Monday 19th I presented some of the new polos as PBL and good uniform prizes. This was very well received by students and parents alike.

The samples of piping and fabric swatches arrived last week from Caroline and I have asked Cas Tonkin to show the options at the P&C meeting. Most of the senior girls are quite happy to have the same dress as the juniors without any changes to distinguish them as seniors, so perhaps some suggestions of a top pocket, logo or some identifying embellishment that could be sewn on after purchase could be discussed at the meeting. Let me know your thoughts as we still need to decide on a plain skirt that is suitable for Summer and/or Winter and a Winter school jersey. It would be good to have a decision made on these this year so that we will have them ready for next Winter. Thank you to Ros for delivering some of the old uniform, I have already had a number of students access these. Thank you also to the P&C for selling some more yellow shirts to the school. The reduced price has been appreciated and, once again, a number of students have accessed these through the student assistance program already. It is timely to remind parents that student assistance is available to all children via the principal.
It was pleasing this week to receive a number of “thank you” from students for the air conditioners that have been installed in the music room. This has been, for various reasons, a long and difficult process and I am grateful that they are finally installed and just in time for the heat. Students are enjoying the new chilled water coolers, especially with the recent hot weather. We are still experimenting with the "level of chill". I am considering putting another 2 coolers in due to the popularity of the existing coolers, and this is something that the P&C have agreed to contribute towards.

There has, unfortunately been some rumours re the possible demise of the P&C and a connection made with the canteen. I would like to take this opportunity to state that the P&C is fully supported by the school and, also, that Coomealla High School will always have canteen facilities.

Our School Magazine Committee have been working tirelessly to complete this year’s edition. I am pleased to say that the magazines are now available for purchase and are full of fun memories from CHS in 2015. The Magazine will cost $20, and is available for pre-order at the Front Office. This year we are also selling a digital version of the School Magazine for $10. The digital copy of the School Magazine has all the pictures and articles found in the magazine, but in a digital format. This is also available for pre-order at the Front Office. As there is only a limited number available for purchase, I suggest that you pre-order your copy now to avoid disappointment.

Jo Scott  
Principal.

**Attention Parents**

The Term Four Awards and Certificate Assembly will not be held in term four. Certificates will be handed out to students in year meetings.

**Presentation Day Assembly**

8th of December at 10:30  
in the CHS hall

*We look forward to seeing you there.*
Art Corner
Some examples of students working on fun activities.

Year 7—Create a Monster Task

Year 9 & 10 Ceramic Bowls inspired by Greek art.
Year 8 - Bowling ball project for the garden. Many students from a variety of years have helped to create this art work.

Enrichment activities – Paper Mache bowls (and a shoe), painting, drawing and photography.
Photography
Year 8 - 3D Hidden Painting Task. Students use a variety of techniques in order to hide a 3D object within the painting.
From the P&C

It has become apparent that a misunderstanding regarding the canteen and its continued operation has been circulating. The canteen will not be closing. It is run by the P&C, which has been facing dwindling numbers. As I was concerned that we might lose more than one member at the end of the year, I enquired of the P&C Federation what the P&C Association should do regarding functioning of the canteen if the P&C had to go into recess. This was a “just-in-case” enquiry. The reply I got from the P&C Federation I circulated to the other members of the P&C, asking for feedback. I had one reply. The email from the P&C Federation told me that if there was no way of maintaining numbers, I would have to publish a Motion to close the canteen well before a meeting then there debate the issue, and put it to a vote. With that in mind I drafted a motion to take to the next P&C meeting, intending to discuss it. I was hoping that, as a group, we could find a way to not have to put that motion out there. Were we to do so, it would still require a majority vote from the P&C to close the canteen. No single person is responsible for the canteen. If this had come about, however, the school would have to make arrangements for the provision of canteen services. There would be two options in this case: leasing out the canteen; or the school managing it and advertising positions. Current employees could apply but it would be an application process. It is impractical to have no canteen due to the isolation of the school from the town. The reason that I investigated this option was that I was concerned that the P&C may soon no longer have the numbers to operate, and therefore also might not have the numbers to maintain the operation of the canteen. I was interested only in ensuring that if the P&C folded that the future of the canteen could be secured.

Unfortunately, the rumours which sprang up before the matter was discussed within the P&C, have been very damaging to all concerned. The time that has been spent on resolving this issue may have been better spent on putting in place better processes and practices to prevent this from occurring again. To this end, we have been researching documentation aimed at providing clear guidelines and will be bringing to P&C such things as a Code of Conduct, as well as examining and possibly updating the By-Laws and Constitution. We are also planning to update the canteen’s documentation, ensuring that we have the correct risk assessments and policy manuals available to the Canteen Manager. Additional suggestions as to what should be in this documentation will be sought.

In the light of all that has happened, I would like to offer to Coomealla High School, its staff, students and the Principal, Ms Jo Scott, my heartfelt apologies, as well as that of the P&C, for the damage caused to the good name of our school and to the Principal. On my own behalf, I must also apologise that a comment I made in the School Magazine P&C report praising the Year 10 volunteers who assist in the canteen will, in hindsight, give the appearance that I was threatening the discontinuation of the canteen. My intention was to state that the students who give their time in the canteen make the operation of the canteen more practicable, and that Anna would miss them if there were no volunteers.

In particular, I would like to refute the mistaken belief that Ms Scott had anything to do with any move to vote on closing the canteen. Indeed, Ms Scott has, at all times, stated that there will always be a canteen at Coomealla High School. The P&C is in charge of the canteen and it can only be closed by a majority vote by all of its members.

Roz Ford, President
**Year 7 Anti-smoking Assignment**

This is a sample of the PDHPE students work for this task.
Interschool Basketball
**Interschool Basketball**

On Tuesday the 13th of October, two representative boys’ basketball teams competed against the Sunraysia schools. Both teams looked fantastic in the new basketball uniforms, which were purchased from a grant from the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club.

The intermediate boys team, consisting of Samuel Jones-North, Tyler Tyers, Joel King, Jesse Lugg, Rhys Mutch, Leslie Orcher and Tarryn Shaddock, had some close matches against Chaffey, Merbein and St Joseph’s losing by 4, 2 and 6 points respectively.

The junior boys also played Chaffey, Merbein and St Joseph’s and went down by 2, 9 and 25 points. The team consisted of Tyrone Hunt, Bailey Cameron, Connor Chatterton, Elliott Driscoll, Will Mangan, Blake McDonnell and Reyne Moore, and was coached by Will Ward.

Will Ward umpired for us on the day and was assisted by Leslie Orcher and Tyler Tyers. Many students assisted with scoring. It was a pleasure to take this group of students out of the school for the day as they all played well and ably assisted when needed.

Linda Barker
PDHPE Teacher
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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Coomealla High School P&C is scheduled to take place on Tuesday November 17th, 2015 at 5:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre. Membership dues of $1.00 are required before participating in the election of officials for the year. All positions will be declared vacant. Nominations will then take place and be voted on.

An ordinary meeting of the CHS P&C will take place immediately afterwards.

Roz Ford, President
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.

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Coomealla High School—Absence Note

Student Name: ___________________________ Year: ________Roll Group: ______________

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Quotable Quote:

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."

Stephen R. Covey

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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.