Inside this issue is a few snapshots from a fun and memorable night celebrating Year 12 completing their studies.
The Rural and Remote HSC forum held in Canberra earlier this term has had some positive outcomes already. We have formed links with two small South Coast schools and Hunters Hill HS. Our project involves the sharing of assessment tasks and also the marking of same. We also have Hunters Hill HS on board to reciprocal deliver some Science classes eg Physics via video conferencing facilities. To this end we have ordered another V/C system to be installed by next year.

The HSC has gone well and most students seem pleased with how they went. Please encourage your children to continue to seek help and support from their teachers, year advisor and careers advisor as they move into this next phase of decision making.

The CHS leavers dinner went extremely well; a big thank you to Bonny Ward and her team of workers as well as those staff and families who attended on the night. It was a lovely night with over 200 people attending. The new auditorium looked wonderful and students were once again, beautifully dressed and all had a very enjoyable evening.

Throughout this term I have attended a number of TVET meetings via V/C. The changes to this area are huge. We have secured the positions that we need, however there is little room for students to change courses or enter courses at a later date. This will mean a definite culture shift in terms of current practice in this area.

In regard to uniform 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 on these this year so that we will have them ready for next winter.

It is timely to remind parents that student assistance is available to all children via the principal.

Another two water coolers have been ordered and have just arrived! The existing water coolers are in constant use and I am confident that the new ones will also prove popular. Thankyou to the P&C for contributing part of the cost towards this.

Recently some of our partner primary schools and junior students at Coomealla HS were fortunate to attend a performance of “Weeping Cloud” by Menindee Central School and Menindee community members. It was a moving performance and well appreciated by the audience. My thanks to the Coomealla Club for donating the use of the auditorium and to West Darling Arts for bringing the performance to us. We were their biggest audience so far with nearly 300 students and staff attending.

Cyber bullying is an ongoing issue in today’s society. To this end we secured the services of Susan McLean Director of Cyber Safety Solutions to deliver some workshops to staff and students on Wednesday 2nd December. Susan has qualifications from the UK, USA and Australia and has worked with both police and FBI. Two of our staff have already had the opportunity to hear her speak and have said that it is a quality presentation. Year 6 and various community groups were invited to join us and the three sessions throughout the day proved to be very thought provoking.

Preparation for year 11 /study skills seminars were held last week for year 10; my thanks to Mrs Mayfield and her team of presenters on an excellent 2 days. These two days were complemented with visits from police liaison officers who delivered some very worthwhile sessions to a number of year groups.
My thanks also to the "Sunraysia Daily" for their excellent coverage of some of the special events that we have been involved in during the last few weeks. The two front page articles as well as various other entries have very positive.

At a recent meeting I attended it was confirmed that the funding for L2L (Links to Learning) will continue into 2016. Thank you to Wentworth Council for supporting us in this area. We are negotiating with providers re courses for next year and welcome any suggestions in this area. We are particularly interested in courses that can involve our Year 6 students from our partner primary schools.

Thankyou all for a fantastic 2015.

Best wishes for the festive season and holidays.

Jo Scott, Principal
Year 7 Dux
Zoe Sapuppo

Year 8 Dux
Murphy Baird

Year 9 Dux
Imogen Smith

Year 10 Dux
Mikaela Fraser

Year 11 Dux
Jade Pohlner

Year 12 Dux
Assessment
Lauren Fraser
**DUX OF EACH YEAR**

~ **Year 7 Dux** ~

Zoe Sapuppo  
Sponsored by - Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club

~ **Year 8 Dux** ~

Murphy Baird  
Sponsored by - Coomealla High School P&C

~ **Year 9 Dux** ~

Imogen Smith  
Sponsored by - Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club

~ **Year 10 Dux** ~

Mikaela Fraser  
Sponsored by—Buronga / Gol Gol & Districts Lions Club

~ **Year 11 Dux** ~

Jade Pohlner  
Sponsored by - Coomealla High School P&C

~ **Year 12 ~ Assessment ~**

Lauren Fraser  
Sponsored by - Rotary Club of Wentworth
The Links to Learning programs for 2016 - Art, Bike, Cultural and Country, Health and Wellbeing, Hospitality, Kids from the Bush and NRL.

2016 Mural by L2L Art Students
Girls Cultural and Country Program
new links to learning

Bike Program

Boys Mungo Excursion
Coomealla High Open Golf Championships

In hot and windy conditions, a field of 22 from Years 9 to 11 played off for the title of Coomealla High Golf Champion for 2015. Some chose to tack their way up the fairway while others had a more direct approach. Either way, our golfing competitors spent quite a bit of time in the rough, much to their frustration.

In the end, the result was decided by just the single stroke. Congratulations to Bevan Wade of Year 10 who took out the title. Runner up was Nick Tregeagle, also of Year 10.
Don’t Miss Out!!!
Get your copy of the school magazine for 2015 at the front office now.
Limited Numbers so hurry

Magazine: $20
Magazine CD: $10
**Tennis Championships**

Over the past few weeks the school tennis championships have been conducted. The senior girls section was played before the year 12s were involved in their HSC examinations. The winner was Katelin Kemp (Year 12) with Emily Clothier (Year 12) being the runner-up. The senior boys section came down to a very close three set grand final between Alex Smith (Year 10) and Colby Wade (Year 10). Alex was the eventual winner of this section.

The junior girls section resulted in a final between Imogen Smith (Year 9) and Sara Hancock (Year 9). Imogen was victorious on the day. The junior boys section was well supported with a number of matches being played before the grand final which was between Cody and Riley Clifford (Year 10). It was hotly contested with Riley being the winner, it is not very often we have brothers playing off in a championship!

Overall, the matches were played in a most competitive manner but with a good display of sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr David Mathieson for his assistance at the courts.

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**Attention Parents & Carers**

Update your contact details now!!

In preparation for the new school year we like to have the most current and relevant contact information so that we are able to reach you when necessary. **Please let us know your preferred mode of contact. If you have moved address, changed phone numbers or changed your email.**

Thank you for the support.
Leavers Dinner
Science Report

Another eventful term of science activities has passed us by. Term four has seen the HSC exams come and go; our best wishes continue for everyone involved. We have required the completion of a major research assignments for all Stage 4 and 5 students. These were due on Thursday, October 15th and provided the markers with some excellent research and interesting reading.

Agriculture excursion
An Agriculture excursion was run for year 8 students. The students were accompanied by Mr Colley to the Rankin Farm where they met with Dr Ashley Martin from Microbiology Laboratories Australia, who helped students learn about the importance of soil through an interactive “hands on” experience.

Kids From The Bush

The Kids From The Bush program has successfully involved students from its target group who were photographed busily harvesting. Congratulations!

Exams from week 6
As 2015 raced toward an end, we completed the end of semester exams during week 6, covering all work from terms 3 and 4. Students with suitable study plans, leading up to these, appeared to benefit from their consistent effort and preparation.

Practical and skills tests were also be held during this time. These two activities examine the skills and existing developed by our students.

Topic test results, Semester Exam results and the practical examinations have formed the basis of the grading for all Science classes.
Forensic Science workshop
We were fortunate enough to secure the services of the Education Interactive company to visit Coomealla High on Tuesday, 3rd November.
All students (years 7 to 10) from Coomealla High attended this "hands on" introduction into the world of forensics. The experienced and very professional presenter guided students through an interesting and age appropriate set of scenarios where they tested evidence to eventually identify the culprit.

Thank you and Merry Christmas
With the year nearing an end the entire Science Department would like to extend our gratitude to all of those who have helped us throughout the year. We would also like to remind everyone to stay safe during the holiday season. Have a wonderful break (when it arrives in Mid December), a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to 2016 and hope to continue our journey in education.

Dennis Brown and the Science Team
The school is conducting a review of the Friday timetable. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the current structure that includes: extended roll call, enrichment classes, sport and flexible Fridays for seniors.

An important aspect of the evaluation is to receive feedback from all sectors of the school community, that includes parents/carers, students and teachers.

If you have internet service at home, the school would be most grateful if you are able to take a few minutes to complete the survey by putting the following address into your preferred browser:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDBPGT8

If you are not able to do this and would like to contribute your thoughts to the evaluation, please contact one of the following teachers at school:

Michael Johnston, Duncan Driscoll, Dennis Brown, Annette Finch
## CALENDAR: 2016 Term 1

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**Reminder:**

Thongs or canvas shoes are NOT to be worn at school for safety reasons.
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 of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another person has to say."

Bryant H. McGill

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.