Coomealla High School Senior Girls Football Team

Updated on our Website this fortnight:
Principals Report

We are nearly half way through the year and Coomealla HS staff and students are as busy as ever!

Recently our Annual School Report 2014 and Our New School Plan both went up on our website. I would recommend both to you as excellent reading.

Coomealla High School’s first orientation night for year 6 students and parents was held a few weeks ago. It was an excellent evening with over 80 people in attendance. My thanks once again to students and staff who both spoke on the night and opened up rooms and looked after displays. The evening had a very positive feel. One of the year 6 students even asked if she could start at Coomealla High School the next day! A big thank you to Ms Watson and Mr Driscoll for their ongoing work in this area.

The cross country was held on a beautiful day with the winning house once again proving that participation is the key to success. We had success at the inter school cross country: Ashton Tilley and Mikayla Fraser came first in their age groups, and our 14 year boys won their team event. A great result!

Boys soccer was a recent highlight with all students being involved and giving of their best. Jesse Lugg scored the only goal for the day. Girls competitive sport has also been a focus. I was fortunate to support the girls soccer teams with Ms Francis where all competitors were well behaved and participated to the best of their ability. Despite the use of a few netball techniques (was that to confuse the opposition girls?) no goals were scored on the day. I would like to commend all the girls on their excellent attitude and "sportswomen" like behaviour. They bounced back from each game fresh and ready to do their best for every game, something to be very proud of.

The girls AFL was an excellent afternoon and evening. Despite the cold weather the girls went in hard and showed us some excellent tackling and ball skills. The senior girls won all of their games through sheer persistence. At the time of printing, we are still unsure whether they have won outright. Well done girls! Also, thank you to the supporters; a big turnout of cheering students, parents and staff on a very cold day and evening.

Last Friday we were fortunate enough to have the band TORQUE visit our school and play at lunchtime. The band was excellent and had both students and staff singing and dancing along. We all had a laugh at the comments about "floordrobes!" Their message about taking opportunities when they arise and bouncing back from adversity was well received. We hope that will come back again.

The topic for the Staff Development Day at the beginning of term 3 is also in the area of Resiliency. Staff will be involved in a program that will assist them in teaching students about coping mechanisms.

Jo Scott
Principal
The Year 6 Parent Information Evening proved to be a huge success with a big turnout as families and staff enjoyed the positive atmosphere and a barbeque. A formal introduction and information presentation was followed by a school tour of each faculty during which head teachers were available to answer a range of questions.

The science lab proved to be a hit with all where brave volunteers experienced the hair-raising effects of the Van de Graaff generator and Mr Brown demonstrated and explained the chemical reactions in the creation of elephant's toothpaste.

Parents who missed out on the Parent Information Evening and are seeking advice on future enrolments are encouraged to contact Cassandra Tonkin- Year 6 Advisor at Coomealla High School.

Cassandra Tonkin
An excursion to the Mildura Field Days on Friday 22nd May 2015

Rupert & Madison find a new farm toy

Rupert, Madison & Abby try out a new mower
Michael Alexander from Black Snake Productions with Madison Gallagher & Abby Taylor holding one of their attractions.

Madison Gallagher felt very comfortable holding this python.
KFTB Students have put two old sheds back together. This is to create two working areas for the worm farms. They have stocked one old bathtub already with a supply of worms. They have also prepared and planted our broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.
**Star Student’s Sensational Success Story**

**Zachary Hyde**, one of our Year Seven students, has successfully made it to the end of the eighteenth and final level of the Lexia Core5 reading program. This is the first time that this milestone has been reached since the program was first introduced as a trial at Coomealla High School in Term Three last year. All Year Seven students as well as some students from Year Eight and Nine have been participating in the program since the beginning of this year.

Zach has now shown us all what it is possible to achieve if you put in a consistent effort and use your time well.

Jackson McDermott, another Year Seven student, shared a quote with us that sums up Zach’s achievement:

*There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs.*

Everyone involved in this program through the Learning Centre is thrilled and excited to share in Zach’s achievement.

Congratulations Zach from us all!!!!

Lexia is a computer program that provides personalised learning in the six areas of reading instruction. Students work independently to develop reading skills with a focus on:

- Foundational skills to develop automaticity and fluency.
- Listening and reading comprehension with complex text.
- Academic and domain-specific vocabulary to improve comprehension.

Annette Finch
Soccer Report

Week 3 was a big week for the world game with both the girls and the boys having their interschool soccer carnivals.

On the Tuesday, two teams of boys headed into Aero Ovals to take on the other Mildura schools in both the Junior and Intermediate competitions. The junior boys ran their legs off playing three games against Merbein P-10, St Josephs College and Trinity Lutheran College. Unfortunately the boys were kept scoreless, but each of their opponents worked very hard for their wins.


The Intermediate boys faced Chaffey Secondary College, Irymple Secondary College and then Trinity Lutheran College. Again, the final scores were not in our favour but the goal of the day went to Jesse Lugg who, at the top of the box, popped himself a nice little volley and then powered it straight past the keeper into the net.

Intermediate Team: Cambell Davison, Sam Olver, Colby Wade, Zac Witte, Jesse Lugg, Bevan Wade, Tyreece Kelly, Leslie Orcher, Lachlan Norris, Rhys Mutch and Ashton Tilley.

Despite some ordinary calls and some absolutely atrocious weather the boys played well within the spirit of the game and enjoyed themselves.

Thursday brought around some much nicer weather for the girls’ competition. A Junior and an Intermediate team headed into Aero Ovals again. The Junior girls met with Trinity Lutheran College, St Josephs College and Merbein P-10 in the minor playoff. These girls ran like Trojans and by the end of the day were playing positions and calling like it was second nature.

Junior Team: Chelsea Manger, Phoebe Sullivan, Murphy Baird, Chloe Hyde, Eliza Collier, Lucy Stephens, Sydney Wilson, Lucy Christensen, Chloe Thompson and Amber Thompson.

The Intermediate girls came up against Redcliffs Secondary College, Merbein P-10 and finished up against Chaffey Secondary College. The girls started off most amusingly but soon got themselves into a groove and worked better as a team as the day progressed. The girls were most pleased that Tarissa found her feet in goals putting up an excellent performance there.


Unfortunately no wins came our way but the students enjoyed themselves, had some fun and tried something new. Nice work! Thank you to Duncan Driscoll and Jo Scott for their encouraging support and assistance on the days. An extra mention to Lachlan Norris who played and refereed at the boys day and then came back and refereed at the girls day. Thank you, without officials games just don’t happen.

Nisha Francis
Coomealla students enjoyed a fantastic performance by the band Torque at lunch time on Friday the 15th of May.

Students were able to listen and dance to great cover songs and hear fun stories from the band members.

After the event band members answered questions and invited students to future shows.

Great thanks to the band for visiting and sharing fantastic music with staff and students.
GIRLS FOOTY

Junior Girls

On Monday the 11th of May twenty girls form Year 7, 8 and 9 journeyed to Sara Oval to take on the Sunraysia schools. The girls had been training on Friday and were pumped to play. We played both St Josephs College and Merbein, coming away with a win against Merbein. Unfortunately we were unable to play in the finals as we had to catch the bus back to school. There was plenty of tackling, running and great kicking.

Our best players for the day included Jasmine Pohlner, Courtney Watson, Jess Alderton, Chelsea Manger and Ricki Martin. All the girls played well and it was a pleasure to take them away. Thanks to Bailey Tyers, Nick Mezzatesta, Tyreece Kelly and Tyson Bath for helping out with umpiring and other duties.

Linda Barker
Senior Girls

On Monday the 11th we travelled to Mildura to compete in the girl’s footy competition. In true Coomie spirit we were keen to have a go! Overlooking the fact that we only had 16 players, we took the field and showed the others what we were made of, winning two out of our three games! Which is more than we have won in previous years combined. Everyone gave 100%. We laid some hard tackles, kicked the ball reasonably straight and looked good while doing it. Despite having a few bruises the next day everyone said what a great time they had!

A HUGE thanks to Mr Driscoll for coaching us and giving us some handy tips. Also to Mrs Barker and the numerous other teachers who came to watch and cheer us on.

Hannah Murdoch
GIRLS FOOTY
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:

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another 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.