STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Peter Adams

Peter has been showing outstanding creative thinking in his Visual Arts Design class where he has been designing a graphic artwork based around a skateboard. Well done Peter.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE – MR ROBERT MALCOLM

This week, social media, bus stop arrangements and advice to visitors when entering the school.

As you know, social media has been a difficult and divisive issue. On the one hand it brings people together and allows a very positive sharing of ideas and experience but it can also be a medium which is not utilised for good, but is rather used to bully and intimidate. The legal system seems to be catching up with social media though, as I read with interest this week that a young person has been ordered to pay $105,000.00 in damages following his defaming of another person on FACEBOOK. This young person was not able to pay such a large amount and so has had to declare himself a bankrupt. Not a great way to start his working life. His comment after was, “I was upset…..you have to be really careful. Just because you are talking to your friends doesn’t mean you are safe”. I have seen numerous posts from people since being in Collarenebri that would easily be classified as defamation should someone choose to take the issue to court. Please make sure you keep up with the changes in this area as they are happening so very quickly. Our school learning support team has developed some very relevant policies on such matters which are on our website.

The changed bus stop arrangements have been implemented this week without incident. Parents have accepted the extra direction they are getting around parking and the students are adapting easily to the change of routine. Students have commented that being dropped off close to the canteen is really convenient. You have got to love kids who enjoy toast!

Please be reminded that all visitors to our school, and yes all parents are visitors even if you came to CCS as a child, MUST sign in through the front office. I know we are a country school and the temptation is to duck in and out, but just occasionally this issue can become very important. So I would ask that you endeavour to assist us by coming in and seeing our office staff and recording your presence. Parents should definitely NOT come into the school and approach students about problem issues on school grounds without consent. This is a breach of departmental policy and the law. Visitors who do this may be subject to exclusion from the school totally under the “Enclosed Lands Act”. I am sure, as a parent, you would not want an angry adult to approach your child in school.

Should anyone wish to discuss these or any other matters please contact me as I am happy to discuss the matter further. I will make time to talk to parents as a priority.

Regards,

Rob Malcolm

PRINCIPAL

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CANTEEN NEWS

Salad Cups $1.50
Wraps $4.00
Salad $4.00
Tacos in a bowl $4.00
Burgers $4.00
[Beef or Vegetable]
Chicken Tenders $1.00
Harmony Day- All students have been practising for Harmony Day and it’s finally arrived. The day kicks off at 9:30am with an Assembly and performances. The students will then have a games day and finish with sport. Well done to all students for your efforts on making this day a success.

Congratulations to the students who represented the school at the Primary Debating in Armidale. From all reports received Collarenebri Central School children performed well and they had a great time. Thanks to Mr Prants and Lynese for accompanying students and making this trip a success.

Barwon Winter Trials in Walgett next Wednesday has been cancelled. Organisers in Walgett didn’t get enough numbers for the day to be possible. They are very sorry to the students who felt they wanted to participate on the day and they send their apologies.

Bus Stop: Students are now lined up under the building at 3:00pm so students catching buses can be placed into bus lines. Gate duty is supervised so that all students are safe. Parents are reminded to park on the school side of the gate. This space has been given to parents and workers/teachers within the school are asked to park on the Ambulance side of the street. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. Bus students are taken to the gate near the canteen where buses will pull in and pick you up. All of this is due to Construction sites and traffic in and around the school.

The Primary School Excursion has been decided for this year. The location is to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains in Term 3. Teachers are busy setting up the excursion and permission notes will be distributed soon.

Debating

On Wednesday 19th March, five students in Year 5 and 6 attended a debating workshop held at Armidale City Public School. The workshop aimed at teaching the kids the simple steps to be a successful debater. After the first two sessions of taking notes and learning, the Colly Crew was put to the test in a friendly debate. Tony the course coordinator was so surprised at the Colly Crews nature debating talent, and ability to think on their feet. Our only downfall is our shyness in public. Great Job team and remember to be LOUD and PROUD!
SECONDARY REPORT
MISS KYM SUTTON
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY STUDIES
(REL.)

Today we see all of the students at CCS participate in a range of activity’s based around Harmony Day.

Secondary have been looking at how difference and being unique should not be seen as a problem but rather a special attribute that everybody has to offer. HSIE looked at different cultures and how they make Australia a Multicultural society from different foods to the different religions or festivals that we celebrate, while English read the book “The Lost thing” by Shaun Tan. Students looked at how the character was left out and sent away as they were different. Students were encouraged developed their own thoughts feelings towards these issues and the belief of inclusion.

Students work sample – Brooke James

Q. What is the problem with hiding away unique and special parts of ourselves?

A. Because it makes you who you are and cannot changes yourself. Being the same to everyone else isn’t fun.

Retail Services

I would like to congratulate all students in Retail Services who have been working consistently throughout the term. This week students have been using the school store with our point of sale equipment completing transactions as per on the job training.

Peter Adams, Tanayah Peters, Jayden Flick, Carl Mason, Chanell Stuart and Tyrah Ramien have completed their first assessment task: Communication in the Workplace with excellent results.

Well Done Class!

Mrs Shearer

Peter Adams - Visual Design Assessment

Collarenebri Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW Inc. would like to thank

BMW Rural for their support over the last few years. Once again they have donated $2000.00

from money raised at their 2013 Golf Day.

This money will go towards the purchase of a multi positional bed for the Aged Care Unit at our local Health Service to improve the comfort of residents in care.

Suzanne Murray

Secretary
SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior shirts are now available for our Year 11 and Year 12 students. This shirt is to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work done by our seniors during their schooling and also used as a shirt when attending events such as TVET.

$35

SCHOOL HOODY

In response to the Student Representative Council of 2013, a new school hoody has also been purchased to update our previous jumper. A royal blue Canterbury hoody with ‘Collarenebri’ across the back screen printed. Available in a range of sizes.

$25

NRMA ROAD SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 8th April, Collarenebri Central School will be hosting a Road Safety Day that will involve many external agencies visiting the school such as Police, Collarenebri Hospital, NRMA and Walgett Youth Council. The day’s goal is to promote road safety initiatives and educate students further on bike safety for Primary and being the driver or responsible passenger for secondary. This will occur all through a variety of strategies including interactive and simulation software together with competition and prizes on the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to all members of The Collarenebri Cods Community Cricket Club during the 20/20 final serious over the past weekend. The Cods smashed Golf Club thanks to a powerful batting display and posted 5/200 in the semifinal, however were out played by The Crows in the Final. An awesome effort for the first season.

A reminder about our informal presentation night that will be held at the Collarenebri Club from 6.30pm on Saturday 22nd March. Wear you club polo if you can.

ATTENDANCE MONITORING

Next week involves attendance monitoring across Primary and Secondary in an attempt to gain reasons for absences that have occurred across Term 1. Please remember to ring the school or have a medical certificate to drop in for your child if that are away from school due to illness.

UPDATING RECORDS

Collarenebri Central staff are inviting parents to update their contact details that are currently held on school file. If your phone number has changed recently or your address has could you please visit or contact the school on 6756 2204. This allows staff to provide feedback or about an injury/incident at school.
App of the Week Colly Style

The Information and Technology team have been brainstorming ways of promoting Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and learning to parents and community that are fun and can be used by parents and children alike. Apps in the newsletter may be educational, promote memory and just be lots of fun. The Tech Team will try to cater for little ones right up to Nan and Pop.

Each app will be given a recommendation for age use.

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| Crosswords: This app gives you a bank of crosswords daily, ranging from easy to hard. The crosswords have a range of features to make your riddle solving experience easier. |

| Take a Stand Together: Friday the 21st is National day of bullying and Mrs Raffie has recommended this designed by education bodies to provide young and advice for handling bullying situations in school. The app allows children to create their own avatar film scenarios and select appropriate actions. Taking a includes bullying facts and a wonderful range of features kids are sure to enjoy. |

Miss Faint and the Tech Team