Student of the Week

Dakota Mayer

Dakota possesses a lovely personality and is welcomed by her peers. She displays a committed attitude towards her studies and always tries her best. Dakota demonstrates patience and understanding towards others and she works well with her peers. She displays good time management skills and she usually works independently on class activities. Dakota should be proud of her efforts this term. Good effort, Dakota!
Principal’s Message

Mr. Robert Malcolm

I would like to thank Ms Tess Friggieri and the NAIDOC committee who worked so hard to create a wonderful “day of celebration” last Friday. Ms Friggieri led the team, however, significant contributions came from within the school and community which were key to the overall success of the day. I certainly recognise that these occasions are a team effort and we have received great support from our community which make these days so successful and so great to be a part of. Well done everyone for joining together so positively!

I have been out of the school quite a bit recently and have missed attending the new AECG meetings. I am so pleased that such a group is up and running in our community and such a voice can only bring us positives. Ms Judy Campbell has been representing the school in my absence and she has communicated that the group is strong and positive. I look forward to joining their next meeting.

The canteen issue is progressing and I hope to have some news to communicate on that matter in the near future.

At school we will be working hard to embrace the development of a new 3 year school plan. This planning process has traditionally been handed down from “up the line”, and now that has all changed with the emphasis and directions being set from the school community itself. Our charter then is to ensure a wide and comprehensive consultation process where all stakeholders have an opportunity to be heard. Term 4 will be busy with us coming to you, asking for your input and thoughts on what type of school you want for the Collarenebri community for 2015 and beyond.

This is an exciting reform for us in Public Education and I look forward to hearing the voice of Collarenebri! Stay tuned.

The building works final elements will be in place this week, and I was so pleased to see that many of the facilities had their first use over the NAIDOC day celebrations. Thanks to Bruce and the O’Donnell & Hanlon team for delivering such quality works.

Well done the Collarenebri Bulldogs on their success during 2014. The 17’s have certainly showed the way but I know that success is contagious and it won’t be long before we see a 1st Grade premiership.

Regards,
Rob Malcolm

Principal

Secondary Report

Ms. Judy Campbell Head teacher
Secondary Studies [Rel]

NAIDOC Day celebrations and activities last Friday highlighted the impact of historical forces and past injustices on Aboriginal people and were designed to honor those who had (in the past) been ignored.

The new NSW History syllabus - which is being implemented this year for the first time - focuses on recognizing their contributions and is designed to increase students’ understanding of this chapter in our history.

Congratulations to all the students who behaved so positively throughout our celebration, the visit to the cemetery, the smoking ceremony and at the evening basketball competition.

In Week 7 Dolly and Peter Adams had a week in Tamworth. Dolly had an exchange of duty at Peel HS where she worked with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff to support students. Dolly worked mainly with Year 7 classes and settled in well to the much bigger school.
Peter did his Retail Services work placement with the Family Pharmacy at Southgate. This was part of the Board of Studies requirements to do learning in the work place that reinforces the theory learnt in class. Peter impressed his employer with his willingness to work and his good eye for detail.

This week we begin the Stage 6 Subject Information and Selection process for Year 10 students and their parents. If parents cannot make it to the planned meeting on Wednesday there will be an alternative meeting at 6.00pm tomorrow. Students will be supplied with details of the courses available including VET courses, TVET courses and traineeships.

Year 11 have started their formal Preliminary HSC examinations. These exams should be finished by Thursday. Year 11 and 12 VET classes will be finishing their work placements by Week 4 of Term 4. It has been a major achievement to organise these placements in order to meet course requirements in Construction and Primary Industries.

Judy Campbell

Advice to Parents and Students re the USE of Mobile Phones

Following educational and information visits to the school by NSW Police officers we have been advised to ensure that parents and students are informed about rules relating to mobile phones and the usage that can be inappropriate. In appropriate use includes:

- Using it in a way that disrupts the learning environment or the operation of the school
- Bullying and intimidating others
- Recording conversations (including lessons) without the knowledge or permission of the teacher or others involved
- Downloading or accessing inappropriate material (pornography or other offensive material)
- Filming fights or other criminal behaviour
- Using it in a way that threatens the safety or wellbeing of any person
- Use that is in breach of any law.

As well as breaking school rules, the misuse of mobile phones could cause an infringement of state and/or federal laws with serious legal consequences.

For further information see Legal Issues Bulletin Number 35 at [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au) or see Mr Malcolm.

Year 10 Subject Selection For 2015

Year 10 Parents/ Carers are invited to the school to discuss a stage 6 Information session that you child will be studying in Year 11 2015

**When:** 11:40 am Wednesday 10th of September

**Where:** Collarenebri Central School – Community Room

**Who:** Parents of Year 10 this year who will be progressing into Year 11 in 2015

**Why:** To support Year 10 to understand their options for HSC study and their pathways to future education and employment.

**Contact:** MS Judy Campbell HT Secondary Studies (rel): 67562204

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Last week was literacy and numeracy week. As a school we provided extra activities in the second half of lunch as an option for their play time. Teachers volunteered
their time to run a variety of events. Some of the events included; oral story time, Sudoku, 3D shape construction, coloured macaroni threading, skipping games, board games and a grand finale of Quidditch. Students had fun with a variety of options for their lunch time play. Thank you to the students and teachers who gave up their time to enjoy some literacy and numeracy fun!

Cheers
Mrs J Medhurst

Child Studies

There is a new member of the Year 9 and 10 Child Studies class. He is a 2.5-2.9 kg baby boy. He arrived in a cardboard box with programming instructions. After he was charged and programmed he has been a loved member of the class.

Each student gets to name and care for this baby. He needs to be rocked, cuddled, have nappy changes and needs a bottle and a burp. The challenge for the students is to work out what it is that he is asking for and respond accordingly. This has become somewhat of a challenge as they have to bond with the baby and hold it correctly and battle routines of their own. He cries, coos, breathes and burps. He makes sucking sounds and smells just as a baby should.

He is somewhat of a novelty to other students and staff in the school and is never free of willing babysitters and onlookers. Both male and female staff and students have been taking an interest in the new baby and hopefully learning and understanding the care involved with these precious bundles.

Cheers
Mrs J Medhurst

PRIMARY REPORT
MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (REL.)

As we draw close to the end of another term our students are still heavily involved in many activities over the final few weeks. Students are reminded to start looking for your hats and start bringing them to school in preparation for Term 4.

Healthy Harold: This week we had the Healthy Harold van sitting in our playground. The Preschool students were invited to attend a session with Harold about Nutrition and being Healthy. Primary students have new and exciting updates in the program which can be accessed by app store in our classrooms. On the case is an app about cigarettes and the effects of smoking. Myths, facts, history, laws and reasons why young people choose not to smoke. Another exciting app is called BCYBERWISE Monster family. A combo of an awesome monster castle, four fun family members, hidden items, mini games and Snuzzle the dragon, lets you sharpen your cyber-safety skills while helping the monster family stay cyber safe. Life Education engages children in its unique drug and health education program assisting them to make safe, healthy lifestyle choices.

Naidoc Day:

Our students are excited about Naidoc Day and celebrating this with our families. This year the Theme is about Serving Country. Recognising and remembering the Aboriginal men and women who went to war and fought for our country. Our students whilst on the Primary excursion engaged in many stories and art facts whilst at the War Memorial in Canberra. I would like to pay respect and acknowledge the local families of our community, whose family members served for our country.
On Friday, 5th September Collarenebri Central School held our NAIDOC celebrations. This year’s theme was ‘Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond’ and centred on the enormous role Aboriginal people played in times of war and their previously unrecognised service to Australia.

There was a mixture of formal and informal activities including visiting the Aboriginal Cemetery to lay wreaths on the graves of seven Aboriginal servicemen. The school pays its respects to all those Aboriginal people who served Australia in times of conflict, including those whose graves we visited:

- Michael Flick
- Robert Cobbler
- Duncan Kennedy
- George Combo
- Albert Fields
- Harry Mason
- Roy Thorne

Feedback from students and community has been extremely positive and the day presented everyone involved with great opportunities to gain knowledge, appreciation and understanding.

The day was a culmination of efforts from many people, whom we wish to extend our greatest thanks.

Thank you to Graham Murray for extending the Welcome to Country and planting the NAIDOC commemorative tree. Thank you to Joe Flick for his war presentation about Aboriginal servicemen. Thank you to Councillor Ann Dennis for appearing as our guest speaker and sharing her wisdom. Thank you to all community members who donated their time and efforts for lunch: Angela Morgan, Jedda Flick and Lynese Hall. We know everyone loved your contributions. Thank you to Guddoo Shephard for conducting the smoking ceremony at the Aboriginal cemetery. Thank you to Larry Flick for leading the flag raising ceremony and your wisdom in guiding students and staff around the Aboriginal cemetery. Thank you to Collarenebri AECG for the donation of the NAIDOC cake.

And lastly, thank you to every parent, community member and student who attended our celebrations and made the day so enjoyable and meaningful. Collarenebri Central School is honoured to have shared its celebrations with you.

Many thanks from Collarenebri Central School