**Principal's Report**

*Mrs Vanessa Coates*

A big congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the STEM workshops in Dubbo. The 3 day course’s primary focus was on Science and Maths. Thank you to the staff who gave up 2 nights at short notice to run this important excursion.

This week I had some wonderful students in years 4/5/6 come to visit and show me their fantastic work. It makes a nice break in the middle of the day to listen to students read, look over their work books and give out rewards and stickers.

The year is winding up very quick so the school is in hyper-drive preparing reports, end of year activities, assemblies and preparing for 2016. Since term 2 we have accomplished a lot and this is having a positive impact in the school and our local community. In saying that we still have some other plans in the pipeline to make the school an even better place to come learn and have fun.

*Until next week*

*Vanessa Coates*

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Tori is a vibrant and delightful 4/5/6 class member. She cooperates in class and happily complies with school rules and procedures. Tori always participates in class activities and discussions. She is willing to attempt activities that she finds difficult and usually asks for help when she needs it. Tori has developed a range of positive relationships with her peers; working and playing in a manner that is respectful and co-operative. It has been a pleasure having Tori in my class this year, Well done Tori.
G’Day everyone. Where is the year going? We have another busy week behind us and another busy week ahead for all the staff and students at Colly High School. Here are a few bits that have been happening.

**NBSA Get Together**

A lot of people do not realise but Year 12 actually starts in Term Four the year before students sit the actual HSC exams. Our current Year 12 students, Carl Mason, Jason Wright, Shaquille Peters, Jayden Flick and Tyrah Ramien went to the Northern Borders Senior Access (NBSA) get together at Mungindi. The NBSA brings students from Colly, Mungindi, Boggabilla and Goddooga all together into digitally linked combined classes in year 12. It was the first time in memory that all the HSC students from Colly attended the get together. At the get together the students listen to motivational speaker, picked up tips on how to get through the next year of study and worked on upcoming assessment tasks. Well done to the full cohort who attended and well done to Ms Moyes and Mr Kirkland who took them over to Mungindi last week.

**Year 6 Transition**

This week sees our year 6 students’ step up into High School for an introduction to what they will be studying next year. The students will come over to the High School for a couple of periods a week for the next three weeks. Everyone in the secondary staffroom is very excited about working with the year 6 students and we all hope they enjoy their transition to High School.

**Music at the High School**

Finally last week some new instruments arrived to complement our existing stock at Colly School. An electric bass and electric drum kits were the pick of the items. The electric drums proved so exciting for our year 7 & 8 students that some of them stayed after school to begin practising. Mr Odgers is doing a great job in getting the kids going. Look out for a couple of special performances at next week’s whole school assembly.

**Andrew Dunnin Report**

The metal work room is now cleaned out. It has a respectable range of heavy engineering equipment which is all is working. The major equipment is a 250 amp (Argon shield) MIG welder and a 170 amp Inverter Arc and TIG welder. (MIG welder below)

The room has a 1200 mm wide sheet metal Guillotine and a 1200 wide Metal folder. A Cold steel cutting saw, Oxy Torch and pedestal drill press are also in the room. The room
has a long work bench with 6 vices. (metal folder below)

**STEM Excursion**

Last week students from Collarenebri Central School went to the AECG STEM Youth Development Camp for 3 days. Students were involved in a number of activities that showed the practical and fun applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Students programmed a robot to move through a maze, used algebra to describe patterns in art, visited the radio telescope near Parkes and were involved in many more activities. The camp provided an opportunity for our students to see the types of jobs available to people who excel at STEM subjects. Students also had an opportunity to socialise with kids from other schools and had a great time playing basketball and jumping on the giant pillow at the caravan park.

Collarenebri Central School would like to thank the AECG for inviting us to such a fun and rewarding event.
This week will see the beginning of Transition for our Year 6 students into Secondary. Students will participate in subjects in Secondary including HSIE, Woodwork, Agriculture, Food Technology, Science and Mathematics. These classes will be tasters for 3 weeks. The 2 days these classes will be running are Monday and Tuesday.

**Capers**

The Capers Excursion will be happening next week. Students will travel from Colly to Tamworth for 4 days to showcase their talent in dance. Parents are reminded students will need a long sleeve black shirt, black tights and black shoes for dancing. Students will dance on two nights. There will be a note coming soon which gives parents the lists on what the students need to bring.

**Mental Health Month**

On Thursday K-12 will be focusing on “What is mental health, and how do we look after our mental health.” Teachers and students will be involved in workshops including food and exercise, meditation, positive self-talk, feelings, bullying, resilience and forgiveness. There will be healthy snacks and kebabs for recess.

**Dental screenings**

On Tuesday, Prashiela from Royal Flying Doctors provided dental screenings to primary students from K-5. These screenings will continue on Tuesday 3rd November for students in years 6-11.

**Swimming for school Sport**

This term, primary sport will alternate between school and the pool for Friday sport. Please see the table below for the dates students will need to bring swimmers, a towel and $2.50 (for non season pass holders).

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**Mental Health Expo**

This Thursday we will be holding our first Mental Health Expo in periods 3 and 4. This will be a whole school event, including all primary, secondary and transition students. The aim of the expo is to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing in our school. Students will be participating in a variety of activities aimed to promote positive mental health and provide them with skills that may assist in challenging time.

Mrs Mcilwain
Collarenebri
Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Monthly Meetings for 2015

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Roslyn McGregor
President