STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Jackson Flick

Jackson has settled into school very well this term. He is participating and showing initiative in all activities set within the classroom. Jackson is also a great role model for other members of his class.

Keep up the great work Jackson.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Ms. Allyson Hynch
Principal [Rel.]

Welcome back all students, parents and staff to an exciting 2015.

Our students are in school uniform, completing classwork and displaying a very positive attitude towards their learning. It is great to see so many happy faces and students attending.

This week we had a visit from the relieving Director of Western Plains schools, Mrs Sue Francisco. Sue presented the staff with an update on staffing and the management of Collarenebri Central School this Term. Next week we will see a new relieving Principal Mr Craig Burdon. Craig’s substantive position is Deputy Principal at Moree Secondary College Carol Avenue Campus. If you happen to see Craig please make him feel welcome in our community. Many thanks to Darren Ball who has filled in as Relieving Principal and is now back at Lightning Ridge Central School.

A fantastic day was had at our school swimming carnival. Well done to all students who competed in races. Today our Primary school students as competing in the Barwon Swimming Carnival at Lightning Ridge. Good luck to all of those students.

This week our Secondary students travelled to Moree to enrol in TAFE courses. They will be learning all about Beauty and Construction.

The school canteen will be in operation next week. Students can order their lunches early in the morning for Recess and Lunch.

Please be aware that all access to the school needs to go via the administration block. The office staff will need to know when parents and visitors are in the school. Students in Secondary are also reminded that on leaving the school grounds they need to sign in and out at the front office. Secondary students shouldn’t be leaving the school grounds during recess.

Next week marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride. Fifty years ago, a group of University students led by Charles Perkins visited regional NSW towns to protest racial discrimination against Aboriginal people. Students from our school will be travelling to Walgett to enjoy a community celebration, featuring performances by Troy Cassar-Daley and Paul Kelly. Thank you to the Local AECG and Mrs Shearer for organising this excursion for our students.

A big reminder to all the students to keep your heads down and enjoy your time at school together.

Regards,
Ms Allyson Hynch

SECONDARY REPORT
Mrs. Judy Campbell
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY STUDIES [REL]

Welcome Back!

There has been a strong start to the year in the secondary years. Attendance has already been greatly improved on last year and students are to be congratulated on their positive approach to their work.

We have had a strong focus on organisation and punctuality. Years 7-10 students have folders with sections for each subject. These are stored on shelves in the new HSC Study which is the room next to the secondary staff room.

Room Changes

There have been a number of room changes to accommodate up-grades to the video-conferencing facilities that Year 11 and 12 students use for their NBSA joint lessons. The department is working on the flooding and electrical issues in the secondary section and will repair the damaged concrete in the outdoor area but until these are done we will have to work around the unfinished work.
TVET

Eleven of our Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Moree yesterday for their first day of Construction or Beauty for 2015. Each Thursday these students will do their training at TAFE. The Construction students are working towards Certificate II in Construction and the Beauty students are working towards Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy. These subjects are counted towards the students’ ROSA and HSC.

NBSA Get Together

The first NBSA Get Together is scheduled for Monday February 23. All Year 11 and 12 students are expected to participate in this event. Additional information will be given to students and sent home early next week.

Homework Centre

The Secondary Homework Centre operates each Monday and Thursday in the Maths Room. All students are encouraged to attend and staff are keen to help.

Judy Campbell

Honouring the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride

The school has the opportunity to participate and attend the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride in Walgett on Thursday 19th February. If you would like to join the school please inform myself by Tuesday 17th February to leave at 12 noon. The day will begin with the arrival of the Freedom Ride bus, a community March from the Walgett swimming pool to the Walgett RSL Hall, a community forum, question and answer session, a community BBQ and a concert. We will return by 9.00pm.

Rachael Shearer

Primary Report

Welcome back to school for 2015! Our primary students are already hard at work in all subjects. I would also like to congratulate Miss Arndell for getting married over the christmas holidays and becoming Mrs Mcilwain. Our first week ended with a bang with our annual CCS Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many primary students participating in both the serious and novelty events. We have 10 students who performed excellently at our carnival and will be travelling to Lightning Ridge with Mrs Mcilwain today. Congratulations and good luck to Josh O'Neil, Brandon Clarke, Ace Medhurst, Nina Murray, Janarli Walford, Aaliyah Middleton, Kate O'Neil, Tia Medhurst, Tahlia Gallagher and Akeira Walford.

On Thursday our year 2-6 students participated in the HOK cooking MasterChef challenge and had a great time. Our gardens at school are looking great and producing lots of great vegetables and herbs. Students have also made their Books In Homes selections this week and books will arrive before the end of term.

In science, students from Mrs Raffie and Ms Dumas' classes are studying Kamilaroi Astronomy. They are working towards presenting their knowledge to the community in our first Collarenebri Central School Astronomy Evening to be held in late March. There will be a community viewing of the film "Sky Stories of the Dreaming", story telling, star gazing and dinner. More details to follow.

HOMEWORK CENTRE is on again each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-4:00pm. Please encourage your child to read at home each night and complete their weekly homework. If they need assistance, please come along to homework centre with Mrs Raffie and Mrs Mcilwain.

The canteen will be re-opened temporarily as of Monday, with limited options for lunch until it is put up for lease in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to a great term in primary!

Regards,
RebeccaMiller-Raffie
Whole School Eye and Ear Screenings

During week 5, all students in both primary and secondary will be participating in eye and ear screenings. This will take place in the school community room with registered nurses from the hospital. Primary students will be the first screened on Monday 23rd February. Secondary screenings are set to commence on Tuesday 24th February. Due to the amount of time it takes per student, screenings will be happening the entire week. Please contact the front office if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s eyes and/or ear being screened.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enroll your child, but this may change after enrolments are done. It is important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs.

MultiLit, QuickSmart Literacy and QuickSmart Numeracy

QuickSmart Numeracy and Literacy, as well as MultiLit will be running once again in primary this year. These programs will be conducted by the school’s SLSO’s and aim to improve basic literacy and numeracy skills in participating students. Both QuickSmart programs will be run 3 days a week and target pairs of students in years 5 and 6. Multilit will run each day, withdrawing individual students in years 2-5 for 3 sessions a week. If you would like any additional information or have any concerns about your child’s involvement in any of these programs, please contact the school and ask to speak with Miss Arndell, who is the Learning and Support Teacher and coordinator of both QuickSmart and MultiLit.

Did you know a speech pathologist regularly visits your school?

Far West NSW Medicare Local Speech Pathologist, Lisa Newnham will be at Collarenebri Central School in Term 1, 2015 on:

- Monday 16th February – Week 4
- Monday 2nd March – Week 6
- Monday 16th March – Week 8
- Monday 30th March – Week 10

You can contact the speech pathologist on 02 6829 1800 or talk to your school’s Learning and Support Teacher.

Why is communication important?

Communication is essential for letting someone know what you want or need, building friendships, learning, literacy, numeracy and being involved in all daily activities at home, school or in the community.

A speech pathologist can help someone communicate using speech, sign, symbols, gesture, reading and writing.
What is Speech Pathology?

Speech Pathology can assess, diagnose, treat and manage difficulties with communication and swallowing.

Speech Pathologists can help with:

- **Speech** – making the sounds that are used to make up words.

- **Using language** – using a range of words, forming complete sentences and telling a story in order.

- **Understanding language** – being able to follow instructions, answer questions and understand any information.

- **Fluency** – stuttering or speaking smoothly.

- **Social skills** – being able to play and talk with others.

- **Voice** – using voice that is age and gender appropriate.

- **Feeding** – being able to taste and swallow a range of flavours and textures.
WALGETT
Thursday 19 February 2015
5:30pm BBQ and concert, Sports Oval No 1