Harmony Day Celebrations

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Terri-Lee Murray is Student of the Week for the secondary. Terri-Lee has particularly attendance and has an extremely positive work ethic. Terri-Lee’s determination to complete all work - as well as to extend herself - has been noted by a number of her teachers. Terri-Lee also acquitted herself well in the recent netball trials in Coonabarabran.

Well done, Terri-Lee!
Principal’s Message
Mr Craig Burdon
Principal (Rel.)

The last fortnight has been fantastic for our school. It began with 13 students traveling to Coonabarabran for Zone Winter Trials. Lachlan Adams, Shaquille Peters, Carl Mason, Jeffrey Flick, Brock Cobb, Liam Peters and Kyren Walford were selected to move to the next round and again travelled to Coonabarabran for the Regional Winter Trials. This is such a big achievement for our students. All of our students on the trip performed very well and were a credit to our school, community and themselves. A big thank you goes to Mr Chris Kirkland and Mrs Jay Medhurst for taking the students and affording them the opportunity.

On Friday we had our Harmony Day event. It was pleasing to see so many community members in attendance and be treated to the wonderful performances provided by our students. Everybody in attendance had a very good time. Thank you to Mrs Rachael Shearer for organising the day, Mrs Jay Medhurst for cooking and running the kitchen, and Mr George McCormick for bringing the cake from Lightning Ridge; it really was a beauty and was enjoyed by all. It was also fantastic to see so many works on display and so many coming together to celebrate the harmony of people. Many hands were needed to put together such an occasion, and I extend a huge thank you to all of the staff and students for their efforts that went in to preparing for the day and for putting together the event.

Of particular mention, I would like to thank Mr John McGregor for the Welcome to Country and the playing of the didgeridoo; it was an exceptional performance and once again highlights the talent amidst our community. I would also like to thank Miss Rachel Naco for being our guest speaker. Miss Naco spoke about her story and the differences between life in the Philippines and Australia. One of the most significant messages she had in her speech was that we have many opportunities and services at our disposal, and that we need to make sure we don’t take these for granted.

Yesterday, 4/5/6 ran a cake stall. The children made some wonderful treats and raised over $127.85 for their fundraising initiatives. Well-done to 4/5/6 on this achievement.

In the school’s Community Room, there is an artwork that has been started, which involves honouring the histories of families in the town. The artwork is yet to be fully realised in concept, but will have the names of families embedded in it. If anyone has any objection to having their family name represented in this artwork, please come forward and let me know.

Next Term, we will be starting with normal classes on Monday 20th April 2015. This would normally have been a School Development Day, but we have moved this day to Term 3 to run a special Connecting to Country program for staff.

Secondary Report
Mrs. Judy Campbell
Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Rel)

HSC Mid-Course Exams

The HSC Mid-Course exams were held last week and teachers are now marking papers and preparing reports. Students are encouraged to read the feedback from teachers carefully and discuss their performance to help them improve in the next round of assessment and in the HSC.

Moree Basketball/Table Tennis

Mr Kirkland and Mr Odgers took teams from Collarenebri to compete in the first round of the North-West Knockouts. CCS defeated Moree Secondary College 42-28 in the basketball and 3-2 in the table tennis.

This week Mr Odgers has taken Kyren Walford, Carl Mason, Liam Peters, William Adams and Steven Morgan to Wee Waa to compete in the next round of the table tennis. Unfortunately the boys were defeated by much larger schools.
Wednesday next week the basketballers will play Walgett at Collarenebri in the next round of the competition. The game will be held during Periods 3 and 4 and the secondary students and their families are invited to support our players.

Congratulations to Kyren Walford, Liam Peters and Brock Cobb who were selected for the Zone Under 15s and to Carl Mason, Jeffrey Flick, Lachlan Peters and Shaquille Peters who were selected for the Opens team. These students competed against 4 zones at the Regional Winter Trials in Coonabarabran this week.

Coonabarabran Rugby League and Netball Winter Trials

Mr Kirkland and Mrs Medhurst took students who were interested in trying out for the representative teams in rugby league and netball to Coonabarabran last week.

There was a huge field of girls keen to play netball so the competition for Olivia Carberry and Terri-Lee Murray was particularly strong. Mrs Medhurst reports that both girls played well.

Touch Football

Today the Open Boys Touch team will compete in Moree. Good luck!

Hairdressing

Recently Teyte Chown and Nathan Flick attended their first block training in Hairdressing which was delivered in Tamworth. Their training covered applying salon safety procedures and selling products and services. Both Teyte and Nathan enjoyed the training and will work through their assessments before going to their next block of training.
Links to Learning

In 2014 CCS was successful in securing funding support through the Links to Learning Program for 2015. Part of the additional funding will give our students the opportunity to gain the Senior First Aid Certificate and the Construction Induction (White Card) Certificate. This training is planned for Term 2. Trainers will come from Dubbo and, if there are vacancies in the courses, parents and community members will be invited to join the training, too.

Unique Student Identifiers

Students have been applying for their Unique Student Identifier or USI over the past week. This is government requirement and will help people track their training across Australia and over time. It is essential for students in TAFE and TVET courses and who are doing certificates like the White Card and First Aid. Students need their Medicare Card as proof of identity and have been asked to bring their card to school (they need to know more details than the number which is on their student records).

Parents or community members who would like to register for their USI (all students of all ages will need the USI) are welcome to see Ms Campbell who will assist them with the application.

Good luck!

Good luck to all those students participating in representative sporting events over the next week.

SPORT REPORT

Mr Ben Odgers

This has been a truly massive term for sporting teams at Collarenebri Central School. Our students have competed in the basketball, table tennis and touch knockouts. They also competed in the zone and regional winter trials. William Adams, Carl Mason, Steven Morgan, Kyren Walford and Liam Peters competed in the table tennis comp, making it to the second round. They beat Moree 3-2 but lost to a very experienced Narrabari team in the second round. Collarenebri proved to be a very strong team in the basketball when they beat Moree 42-28. Shaquille Peters, Carl Mason, Jeffrey Flick, Jayden Flick, and Steven Morgan formed a tight defense in the key. Shaquille dominated in the centre, taking rebounds, stealing the ball and taking the ball all the way to the hoop. Carl, as point guard, was nimble on his feet, scored three-pointers and forced players out of the key. Our boys will be playing at the Collarenebri basketball courts on Wednesday 1st April at 11.40. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Shaquille Peters, Carl Mason, Lachlan Adams, Jeffrey Flick, Liam Peters, Kyren Walford and Brock Cobb who were picked to represent us at the regional winter trials.

PRIMARY REPORT

MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Interviews

Our Primary teachers have had many Parent interviews this week. These interviews were conducted to develop Personalised Learning Plans for our students. During the interview goals are identified and clear strategies are put in place to support students to meet the agreed goals. The plan may also consider and deal with issues focused on personal growth, social skills and cultural achievements. It is also an opportunity for teachers to discuss other programs which students may be involved in including quick-smart Literacy and Maths, L3 Kinder and Stage 1, multi-lit and Individual Learning Plans. Years 1/2/3 Mrs Raffie’s class will be conducted on Monday the 30th of March. Students in Mrs Raffie’s class have all been given a slip to take home with Interview times throughout the day. If you would like to discuss PLPs please ring the front office during working hours.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day was held last week. It was a huge success. Many of our students stood up and did a performance for parents and visitors. Many thanks to everyone who participated and joined in on the celebration.
Yesterday our students organised a successful cake stall during lunch and recess. Lots of donations of slices, cakes and biscuits were given to sell. All money collected will go towards our Merit days held at the end of each Term.

**Easter Hat Parade:**

Next Wednesday the 1\textsuperscript{st} of April we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade. The parade will start at 10:00am with our Pre-school friends. We will then rotate through to Year 6. Prizes will consist of, Best Easter Hat in each class – K/1, - 1/2/3 and 4/5/6. There will also be the Best Runner Up prize and the best Home-made hat in each class. There will be a BBQ Lunch at the end of the parade.

**Primary Merit Day**

This Term will conclude with our Primary Merit Day happening on Thursday. Our classes will be dying Easter eggs, making Easter baskets and Easter craft. We will also be cooking pikelets, pop-corn and having a BBQ lunch. In the afternoon students will be involved in dancing and games.
COLLARENEBRI ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

You are invited to attend a Dawn Service at the Collarenebri Aboriginal Burial Ground on ANZAC Day.

This service is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli and to pay respect to all soldiers from the Collarenebri District.

You are requested to meet at the Aboriginal Cemetery at 6:00am. The service will commence at 6:15am and will include:

- welcome / Introductions
- Prologue
- Commemoration Address
- The Last Post
- Ode
- Reveille

BBQ breakfast provided
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