Phoebe Newman reading her speech on Anzac day

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Jase Peters

Jase has had particularly good attendance in Term 1 and has demonstrated a positive attitude to his work. Jase is recognised for his overall good manners. Jase has made a successful transition to secondary school.

UP COMMING EVENTS

May 4th-5th: Boys Basketball at Tamworth
May 6th: Cross Country
May 8th: White Card Training
May 15th: Cross Country at Goodooga
May 26th: Sorry Day
**Principal’s Message**

**Vanessa Coates**
Principal (Rel.)

A big thank you to the families, students and staff who participated in the ANZAC Day March and dawn service. The local RSL members were very happy with the large crowd on the 100 year anniversary.

Our school is a hive of activity. The Infants and Primary have started a trial of positive eating within the classroom. All students will begin their lunch 10 minutes before the bell. Class leaders of the week will collect lunch baskets 15 minutes before the bell from the canteen. Students in this small window of time will sit and eat their healthy options first; staff will monitor and remind students not to share food. This practice is implemented state-wide and used in conjunction with the Healthy Food Policy and Anaphylaxis Policy. Students in this eating period are encouraged to have friendly social interaction and eat together like a large family. A reminder that children need to bring their lunch to school or order their lunch on arrival and before 9.30am.

This week has seen the appointment to our school of 2 TAS Teachers, one is a Metal and Wood Work Teacher, the other is a Food Tech/ Hospitality Teacher. It will be fantastic to see the Food, Wood and Metal rooms up and running again.

Currently this week we have been working on updating our **Wellbeing Policy** for the school. Our main focus is to get positive rewards happening across. Students who are displaying negative behaviors are to have a clear and easy process for consequences. I hope to be sending this draft policy home ASAP for parents and carers to provide feedback on.

We are also trying to recruit a Technical Support Officer (TSO) to maintain the computers, network and SMART Boards across the school. If you know of anyone who may be interested please have them contact the school.

Don’t forget the free give away of the play equipment. We would like it removed ASAP so we can begin the process for installation of new play equipment for the students. The old equipment with a quick paint would make a great asset to someone’s backyard.

Finally our Facebook Page is up and running and growing in likes daily! So please like and share our page with your family and friends.

Until next week

Vanessa Coates

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Available 8.10- 8.45am
At 8.45 the windows will close and no food will be available after this time.

**SECONDARY REPORT**

**Mrs. Judy Campbell (Rel.)**
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY

Welcome to Mr Hobbes

Welcome to our new HSIE teacher, Mr Jeremy Hobbes comes from Grafton and has taught in Cobar and Trangie as well as having taught for 6 years at the Snowy Mountains Grammar School at Jindabyne.
Mr Hobbes is a History and Geography teacher who trained at UNE in Armidale where he specialised in Archaeology. Mr Hobbes travelled overseas to US and Ireland and has moved to Collarenebri with his dog called Germanicus.
Bangarra Dance Workshops
On Tuesday 21st April Miss Moyes Took Jase Peters, Terri-Lee Murray and Dale Barden to participate in the Indigenous Dance Company’s workshops in Moree.
Students took part in a technique dance class, workshops on cultural icons and symbols and auditioned for the NSW Aboriginal Dance Company. Our students were among the youngest to participate and this was a great opportunity to work with and learn from world class dancers.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN testing for Year 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 4 [May 12,13 and 14]. Student’s knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy are tested and feedback is given to parents, students and teachers later in the year. Mrs Mcilwain, the Learning Support teacher, is organising the tests which will be held in the Library Annex.

NBSA Get Together
All Stage 6 students will be going to Mungindi to meet their fellow students and teachers from the other schools. This is an important event in the senior student’s year and helps to break down the barriers to success that can be experienced in remote locations. The Get Together will be on Tuesday 19th May. Permission notes will be sent home early next week.

White Card Training
On Friday next week, May 8, students from Years 9, 10, and 11 who do not already have their WHS Construction Induction card will participating in this training. Not only is this important for general safety but it is often required for Work Experience, Work Placement and for many part time jobs.

There is NO COST to our students as it is being funded under the Links to Learning Program.

Parents or community members who would like to do this training at the school can do so at a cost of $165.00. Participants will need a Unique Student Identifier [USI] and bring identity evidence [driver’s licence, Medicare card etc.]. Please let Judy Campbell know if you are interested or need help with the USI.

PRIMARY REPORT
MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As the rain falls and it’s a happy Friday our students have had a successful week in Literacy preparing for the Walgett Show. Many pieces of work will be displayed at the show from areas including Writing, Handwriting, Arts and crafts and Aboriginal Language. Congratulations to our students for entering and all the best in the displays.

AECG Meeting
A great turn out for the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting last night held at the school. Many creative ideas were put across the meeting in regards to Connecting to Country which will be held next Term. Ideas were also discussed regarding the Community Room in the school and having this completed by NAIDOC Day at the end of the term.

Anzac Day
Well done to all of the students who went to the dawn service at the local Aboriginal Cemetery on Anzac Day. This was a wonderful experience as individual soldiers names were read out and many family members were touched by this. Congratulations to Phoebe Newman on the speeches she read, she did a wonderful job in representing the school on the day. Well done to Joe Flick and all his helpers for this touching service. Joe also attended the school service and gave a lot of insight into his research of soldiers from our local area. It was great to see a lot of our students attending the town march in school uniform and attending the service at the Collarenebri Club.

Primary Breaks:
Our eating times have changed in Primary. Students now have Lunch and Recess earlier. Lunch is now 10:50am and Recess is 1:30pm. This is so teachers can take students out and have lunch with their class, monitoring that students are eating lunches and putting rubbish in the bins.
Sports Report
Sadly, we missed out on cross country this week due to weather conditions. We have rescheduled the Cross Country for Wednesday 6th May. Parents and community members are still welcome to attend. Come along and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015
LETTER TO PARENTS
In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:
- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
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 2, 2015 on:

- Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} May – Week 3
- Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} June – Week 7
- Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} June– Week 9

You can contact the speech pathologist on 02 6829 1800 or talk to your schools 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.