Welcome back to Term 3! What a cold and wet start but it sure beats a drought and 45 degree heat! Our school was a hive of activity over the holidays with tradesmen everywhere renovating the school. A massive thank you to Mr Randall who helps keeps our school going.

The first 2 days this term staff spent at ‘Connecting to Country’. Thank you to our local AECG for organising the event. Staff visited Collymongle Carved Trees, Aboriginal Burial sites, the Aboriginal Cemetery which included burning the bottles to make the crushed glass for the graves. We also had History lessons inside the classroom that put our minds to the challenge. It was a fabulous 2 days and thank you to all the guest speakers, helpers and cooks because without you the day would have not been the great success it was. It was my third ‘Connecting to Country’ and by far the best that I have been a part of.

We welcome 4 new teachers to our school, Mr Jason Walker, Head Teacher Secondary Studies, Miss Nicole Irons, Food Technology Teacher, Mr Aaron Ponton, History & Geography Teacher and Mr Andrew Dunnin, Wood & Metal Teacher. Due to our staff being back at full capacity we have reintroduced many electives to the subject lines for students to choose from. Agriculture is back up and running and all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 will now attend the Ag Farm. Thank you to Mrs Casey Zell who has a long and extensive history with Agriculture she will be the teacher at the Ag Farm.

Until next week

Vanessa Coates
Principal
G’Day everyone. My name is Jason Walker and I am delighted to have been appointed as the relieving Head Teacher of Secondary Studies here at Colly school. I’ve been teaching History, Geography, English and Aboriginal Studies in Moree these last three and half years. I’m from Pallamallawa, which is 33 kms east of Moree and I’m living in Colly during the school week whilst I am employed at the school. Fingers crossed, if my stay becomes long term, myself, my wife and my four sons will also give up Gwydir River country for the Barwon River country on a permanent basis.

My first impression of Colly Central School is WOW! What great facilities we have here at the school. Between the school complex, the sports facilities across the road and the agriculture facilities I believe the kids of Colly can have access to a first class education. It is my job to ensure that the High School students receive the best education that the facilities here in Colly can provide.

As such, I am delighted to welcome to our team Miss Nicole Irons, Mr Aaron Ponton and Mr Andrew Dunnin. Miss Irons is qualified in Food Technology, so we can expect some great smells to be wafting out the excellent kitchen facilities we have here. Mr Ponton brings a wealth of experience as a HISE Teacher and will be teaching mostly History and Geography. But perhaps most excitingly Mr Dunnin is a Woodwork and a Metal work Teacher. Our brilliant trade training facilities will be full of noise and sparks as Colly kids learn the crafts of working with wood and metal.

The new teachers join our impressive ‘old hands’ here at Collie Central School. Mr Chris Kirkland, Mr Ben Odgers, Mrs Sharon Sam and Miss Molly Moyes have a brilliant rapport with the students and I look forward to using their local knowledge to help enrich our students learning experiences. There are some exciting things happening at Colly Central School and I look forward to reporting them to you as the term unfolds. Everyone in the local community deserves to feel positive about the High School in Colly.

B&W Rural Golf Day
Brock Cobb and William Adams successfully competed in the B&W Rural Golf Day on Wednesday 15th July 2015. They separated into teams with other men. Reports back from their team members which included high profile agribusiness managers and owners expressed that the students were a pleasure to play with, had great manners and had tonnes of natural golfing talent. William Adams was awarded nearest the pin prize on the 7th hole. The boys received many great prizes including polo shirts, hats, a dart board and can holders. A big thanks goes to Ben Dawson and the B&W Rural crew who once again involved our CCS students and thoroughly accommodated for them during the day.

Chris Kirkland

Maths Report
High school students at Collarenebri Central School now have access to Mathletics. Mathletics is a web-based program that allows students to complete interactive activities that are educational. They can create an avatar and buy things for their avatar such as hats, clothes and other accessories. In order to purchase items they need to complete maths activities to earn credits. The program also awards certificates for good work. Students are encouraged to complete these activities after school.

Ben Odgers

PRIMARY REPORT
Mrs. Allyson Hynch
Assistant Principal

Yaama! Welcome to Term 3!

Language Nest Program
This term we are excited to begin our participation in the ‘Language Nest Program’ which will provide our students with the opportunity to learn the Gamilalaray language. Students from Kindy to Year 8 will
participate in lessons on Thursdays which will be taught by language tutor Liz Smith. Learning different languages has many educational benefits and we hope that students will embrace the opportunity to learn the traditional language of our local area to ensure that this important cultural knowledge is preserved for years to come.

**Book Launch**

Yesterday we had lots of special visitors at our school that came to present the published work of some of our talented primary students. The book titled ‘Trey and Tahlia’ was written by a group of eight primary students last year in conjunction with the Department of Family and Community Services – Aboriginal Housing. All students received a copy of the book to take home and we celebrated the book launch with a yummy BBQ, a jumping castle and a visit from some mascots.

**Breakfast Club**

We have a revamped breakfast club happening now thanks to the Red Cross which includes cereal as well as the old favourites. There are lots of things coming up including Mrs Raffie’s class excursion has been rescheduled for this Tuesday weather permitting once again! Our school Athletics Carnival is on in Wednesday 29th July we would love to see you all there. We have a puppet show performance and other fantastic things happening this term!

**Reminder**

A reminder that the days are very cold now and students should all have jumpers and warm pants on for school each day. Please make sure your child’s name is on all their layers of clothing.

**Books in Homes Competition**

Books in Homes Australia Primary Programme runs a competition every term. Students are asked to read an inspiring Role Models story on the front cover of the current catalogue and answer questions on page 2 of the same catalogue. Students who have answered questions correctly and submitted outstanding responses to the bonus question may win one of 25 prize packs donated by Scholastic Australia!

Congratulations to Tahlia Gallagher for being one of the winners of the term 2 competition. Tahlia submitted an outstanding entry and won one of the 25 prize packs donated by Scholastic Australia! Well done to all of our students who participated in the books in home competition. There will be another competition running this term.

**Staff Training**

K-2 teachers will be continuing training in the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) program this term, which is a valuable learning experience for teachers to help support students to improve their reading and writing. The L3 program has been heavily researched across the state and is being implemented in all ‘Early Action for Success’ schools because of its great results. Our teachers are doing a fantastic job at implementing what they have learnt so far, and look forward to learning more new and exciting ways to teach literacy!

**Library**

Welcome back to Term 3. Library lessons are continuing this term. These lessons are a great way to promote, share and study books and investigate authors. During these lessons students may also like to borrow a book to take home but they must bring in a library bag.

**Primary Classes Timetable**

Ms. Dumas’s class Monday
Mrs. Raffie’s class Monday
Ms. Hynch’s class Tuesday