Principal’s report
Mrs Vanessa Coates

A special thank you to all the visitors who came to our mid-term assembly on Friday complete with new chairs, awards and open classrooms. Also to all the staff who make these events high quality and enjoyable a thank you, it is a lot of extra work on top of the everyday teaching they do, but it is certainly worthwhile.

Last Wednesday Instructional Leader Renee Fagan and I attended our Network Meeting at Tamworth for ‘Early Action for Success’. The Network days focus on school data and what schools are doing to enhance student learning.

Kindergarten Round Up, started on Thursday, Ms Fagan and Mrs Zell made sure the day went off without a hitch and we had lots of little visitors who enjoyed their day. Thank you to the school team who helped prepare the room and we look forward to their visit next week!

On a High School note, we are busy organising what subjects will be offered in 2016. Currently with the new teachers who specialise in certain subject areas we will soon be able to deliver a more exciting curriculum for all our students. The subject of ‘Careers’ has been reinstated and all students years 7 to 10 will have regular opportunities to explore career pathways and options.

Until Next Week Vanessa Coates

Student of the Week
Hannah Lee

Hannah has settled in amazingly to the 1/2/3 class. She consistently works hard and strives to better herself and those around her. She is a polite and courteous student. She is to be commended on her effort in all areas of her schooling. Well done Hannah!

Whole School Assembly

Akeria Walford
Christopher
Barden
IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 3
August 28th: Regional Athletics at Tamworth
September 2nd: Red Cross Healthy Eating K-6
September 8th: Healthy Harold
September 10th: Primary Disco
September 15th: Book Week Parade
September 16th: Primary Merit Day

CONGRATULATIONS
To The Students who are traveling to Tamworth for North west athletics this Friday

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER
MR JASON WALKER
[REL] HEAD TEACHER

G’Day everyone. You know quite often when people talk about small schools they often assume there is a lack of opportunities for the students at those small schools. This week I would like to refute that assumption and talk about a couple of the opportunities that are here at Collarenebri Central School. Last week we have had our students sit their Trial HSC Exams. We have had students on an excursion down at Agquip in Gunnedah. We have begun preparing a program that will help our students attain their driver’s licenses. There is plenty of opportunity at Colly School, this is only 3 of many that has occurred this week. All the student’s have to do is be present, have a go and be a responsible member of the school community.

Trial HSC

Last week saw our two year 12 students undertake their trial exams in preparation for their upcoming HSC. Peyton Ramien and Phoebe Newman have worked tirelessly recently to prepare themselves for the tests, some of which were 3 hours long. In conjunction with one on one tuition from the secondary teaching team, the girls have studied as best they could and at first glance it would seem that the girls have done well. Both girls are hoping to gain entry to university and I am confident that both will be offered a place. Often the HSC is deemed the be all and end all of university admission. This is incorrect. Whilst it is important for the students to complete the HSC to the best of their ability, so they can prepare themselves for university, coming from a small rural town like Collarenebri we can get them into course based on our Principals recommendation, even if they don’t quite receive the marks they needed. The most important thing is that they try their best so our boss can recommended them for admission into their desired university course. An opportunity that is not readily available in larger schools.

Agquip

Most of you will know that Agquip is the largest agricultural expo in the southern hemisphere. It is huge. This year we sent down a bus load of secondary kids to Agquip. The bus was driven by Mr Randall and Mr Kirkland and the students were accompanied also by our new Food Tech teacher, Miss Irons. A great day was had by all and the school even treated the kids to a meal at Macca’s in return for their excellent behaviour and attendance so far this term. As Agriculture is now a mandatory subject at Colly School, we will be sending a bus down every year to enhance student learning in this area. This is another example of opportunity for Colly students that is not regularly offered at larger schools.

Getting help to get a driver’s license

Colly school is happy to announce that in conjunction with the Birrang Enterprise Development Company Ltd, we will be offering our students who are 16 and over the opportunity to begin the process to receive their driver’s licence. We will help our students get their L’s. For those who have their L’s we will be able to offer driving lessons.
This is another great opportunity for our kids, and all we need to do is see Mr Walker who will help to fill out the necessary paperwork. Getting a driver’s license at school is another great opportunity rarely offered at larger schools.

Thanks everyone. Have a great week. Don’t forget that all we have to do take advantage of the opportunities here at Colly School is to get to school on time, attend every day and have a go while we are at school. The rest will take care of itself.

Jason Walker
Head Teacher Secondary Studies (relieving).

Welcome Mr Aaron Ponton

A new history teacher joined the school this term; Mr Aaron Ponton from Sydney began working here at the beginning of the term. He has been teaching history to students from year 7 – 10. The students in year 7 and 8 have been learning about medieval Japan. We have learned about the Samurai warriors and the Japanese leaders such as the shoguns and we have learned a bit about Japanese religion. We will continue to study this topic and later learn about “origami” the Japanese art of papermaking and also other things such as bonsai trees. In year 9 and 10 students have been studying popular culture, we have been studying the history of music, movies, radio and TV over the last 50-60 years. We have also learned about new technologies such as computers and internet that have changed our lives so much in the last 30 years.

Woodwork and Metalwork

Both the Woodwork and Metalwork rooms have not been used in the last 2 years. Both rooms have excellent, up to date equipment.

Students are now making jewellery boxes and coffee tables. The projects have a basic design that can be added to and elaborated depending on the students ability. Many of the students have artistic talent, which is shown in the way they finish their work by using the burner, engraver or painting their work.

We plan to have the metal work room available mainly for senior students. The equipment includes 250 Amp MIG (argon shield), Arc and Oxy-acetylene machines. This equipment can weld heavy sections of steel. For safety from welding flash there is a protected welding bay.

Andrew Dunnin

In the Primary our School captain’s Akeria and Chris did a wonderful job of reading the program and exciting some people in the audience with their “Special Hero” speeches. Well done to students who received rewards for attendance, All Stars and the Barwon District Athletics.

Our students gave special speeches on Military War Hero’s from our town and local hero’s. This was an opportunity for students to stand in front of a large audience and use their big voices into the microphone.

Some special prizes of pencil cases raised through Tea Garden Public School Youth Challenge and Australian Red Cross were given to every child K-6 to help put a smile on the faces of children in drought. Many thanks from our school to Tea Garden Public School and Red Cross for holding Mufti Days and supporting our school. I would also like to say welcome to the student for Kindergarten Transition. It is a very exciting time and “Welcome to Big School”.

Primary Report
Ms. Allyson Hynch
Assistant Principal

Last week was the first Whole School Assembly for Term 3. We all celebrated Education Week in recognition of Our Local Military Hero’s and Local Hero’s in our everyday lives. It was so pleasing to see so many parents here supporting all of our students.
Talk with me about why communication is a basic human right.

Talk with me about the silence that comes with a communication difficulty.

A recent Senate Inquiry highlighted that communication disorders are more prevalent or on-par with the number of people with diabetes and three times the number of those with dementia. Both of these conditions are national health priorities and attract significant attention and resourcing. Communication disorders, however, are largely invisible.

Speech pathologists work with people who have difficulty communicating because of developmental delays, stroke, brain injuries, learning disability, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy and hearing loss, as well as other problems that can affect speech, language, communication and swallowing.

For more information visit www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au or contact your local Speech Pathologist, Lisa Newnham at NSW Outback Division of General Practice on 02 6829 1800

Indigenous Games

This term has been a very hands on term for the students in 4/5/6. We travelled to Goodooga for the Indigenous Games in which Brandon Clarke and Christopher Barden picked up major awards.

Christopher Barden received the “Best and Fairest” Medal at the Indigenous Games in Goodooga

Brandon Clarke receiving his overall third place award at the Goodooga Indigenous Games

During HSIE, the students have been busy preparing for their Gold Assessment Task. They have been incorporating ICT skills such as google images, experimenting with boarders, different fonts and colours. In Physical Education students have been working on their soccer skills, such as trapping and passing. It’s been very delightful observing students trying different activities during school hours.

It has been wonderful observing the students engaging in the Aboriginal Language class. We have been very lucky to have two wonderful ladies “Aunty Liz and Cilla” from the Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay Language Nest in Lightning Ridge come across and teach our students the local Aboriginal Language. The students always show respect and are eager to learn new words and phrases.

Keep striving for Excellence 4/5/6, we can do it!

Mrs Dumas/Flick
It is important for children to have as many opportunities to practise counting as possible as it supports their development of addition and subtraction skills. Here are some quick and easy ideas for home:

- Work together to count pegs as you hang up the washing.
- When getting ready to eat dinner, get your child to work out how many plates, bowls, knives and forks you will need.
- Pick random numbers and ask your child “what comes after...”

Renee Fagan / Instructional Leader (Rel.)

Canteen Notice

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for your continued support. Since October 2014 I was blessed with the opportunity to take on this position. All the parents and carers of the children ought to be proud of themselves as each and every child shows me respect and have very nice manners. The children make my day, to cut a long story short I LOVE MY JOB!!

Next Tuesday 1st September I will be away attending Healthy Children Innovative Canteen Expo at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. I hope to bring home with me some exciting new menu ideas. I am really looking forward to taking part in the Expo.

Thursday is special day

Weekly I have chosen Thursday the day to have specials. The notice is displayed at the canteen every week from Tuesday. Come and check it out!!

On a sad note – unfortunately due to a hand full of discrepancies with accounts [money in the book] all accounts in the book must be paid for in full by the end of term.

Lunches MUST be paid for when ordered, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Also I am open to all feedback – if there are changes you would like to see on the menu, come see me and have a chat. I am open to all options.

I saying all of the above, once again, I sincerely thank you all for your continued support.

Thank you         Nat
COLLARENEBRI JOCKY CLUB
ANNUAL RACE MEETING

12th September 2015

THE DAY COMMENCES WITH AN OPEN LUNCHEON AT 12:30PM FOR ALL TO ENJOY
FOLLOWED BY AN EXCITING SIX RACE PROGRAM
BAR – BBQ – TAB – SKY CHANNELL FACILITIES ON SITE
ENJOY FASHION ON THE FIELDS, STALLS
RAFFLES AND COMPETITIONS, JUMPING CASTLE
AND CHILDREN’S USED TICKET COMPETITION
ENQUIRIES 0488581958 OR 67562252

GATE ENTRY $15.00 [INCLUDING LUNCH]
RACE BOOKS $5.00 EACH
FIRST RACE AT 1PM

A great day out for all the family

NO ALCOHOL TO BE TAKEN INTO OR OUT OF THE GROUNDS